



*Making Tracks 1997*











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# 1997



# STUDENT LIFE



Thomas H. and Nicholas B. pretend they are working for the Power Company.



Curtis S. says aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!



Rochelle C. pretends that she is the walking dead.

April S. helps Paige J. carry the Clarks' banner in the Harvest of Harmony parade.



David T. and Audrey Z. make people laugh during the pep rally.

## SPORTS



Jesse K. shows himself off to the camera.







Mike U. listens to some of his rap music while working on the computer.



T.J. B. warms up before his match.



Brendan D. introduces a new dance.



Brian B., Jesse S., and Bernie P. team up.



The Jr. High wrestlers wait for their turn.



Brent Z. loves to have fun.



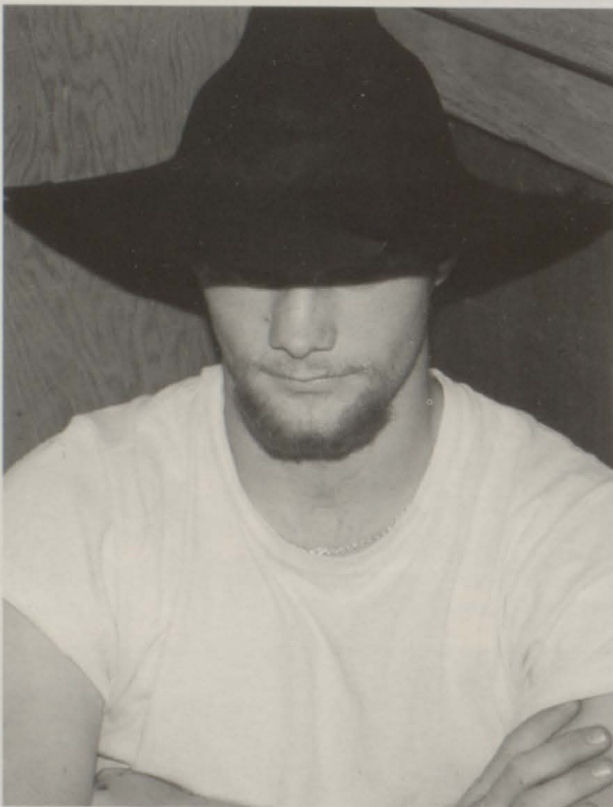
Kindergarten and 1st grade celebrate Thanksgiving dinner.



# Opening Tracks



**Above left:** The teen living class shows off their newborn electronic babies. (Back row: l-r) April S., Ashley W. (Front row: l-r) Mary B., Rochelle C., and Staci A. **Above:** (l-r) Brendan D., Kirk H., Kurt U., Todd C., Michael U.



David T. takes a breather during drama practice.



Joseph W. carefully carries his tray at lunch.



Breanne R. grabs a refreshment while working concessions.





**Above:** (Back row: l-r) Curtis S., Wade C., Jesse S., Bernie P., Jesse K. (Middle row: l-r) Michael R., Denise Y., Casey G. (Front row: l-r) David C., Kurt U., Justin K., and Kent H.



**Above:** (l-r) David C., Breanne R., David T., and Carrie Z. huddle together for warmth at the Nebraska football game.



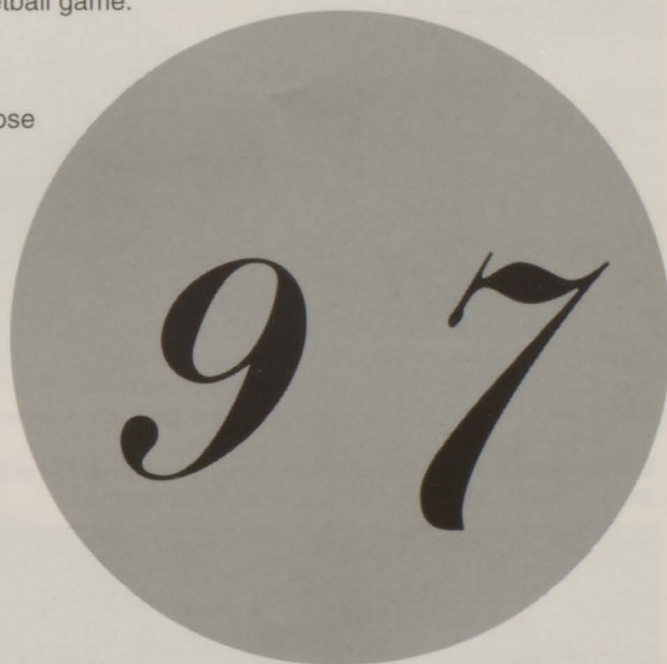
**Left:** Kirk H. stops to pose before the big game.

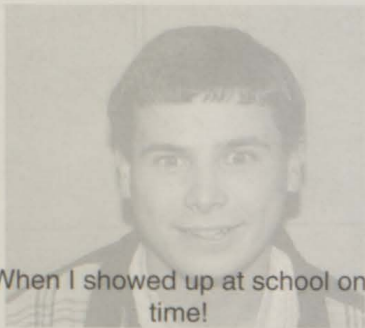


**Above:** Tyler H. and Caleb C. make weird expressions during a basketball game.

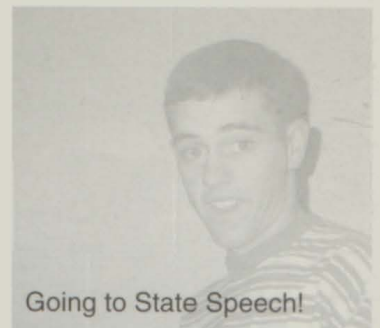
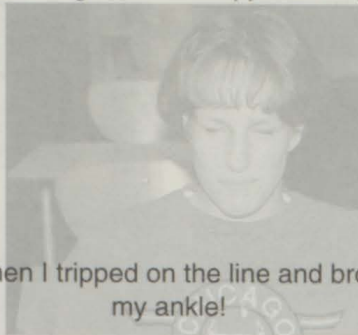


Michael U. shows he's still a kid at heart while posing on the playground.





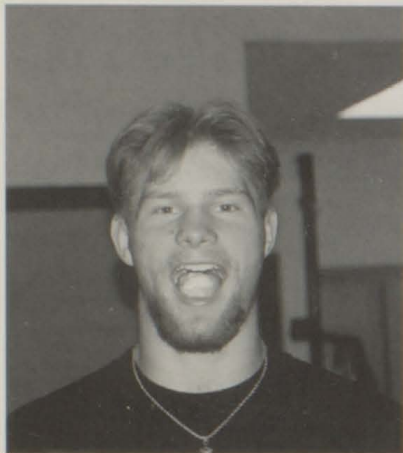
Craziest thing that ever happened to you?



When I showed up at school on time!  
Worst thing that ever happened to you?

When I tripped on the line and broke my ankle!

Going to State Speech!  
What event in high school will you remember?



# Class of

**Above Left:** David T. will always remember the ice cream Thelma gave him at dinner.

**Above Right:** The term "Dazed and Confused" could be used to best describe Joe and Michael on the morning of Homecoming.



**Above:** Denise, Curtis, Rochelle, and David will be ready at any time.

**Right:** Sherri gives the referee her full attention.

**Below:** Amy is caught by surprise when the flash of the camera goes off in her face.

**Below Middle:** Bernie and Michael show us how to do the polka.

**Below Right:** Haley gives us "that look" one more time.



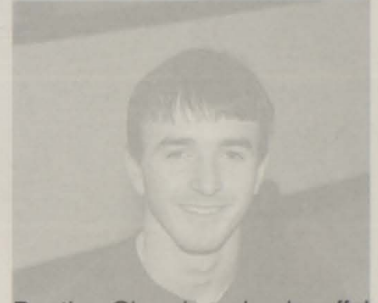




# 1997



Best high school memory?



Beating Chambers in playoffs!  
Senior memory that you'll never forget?



Putting Homecoming decorations  
together with my friends!

Favorite thing to do on the weekends?



Go and cruise main drag in Clarks.



**Above Left:** "Joe Cool" shows off his car.

**Above Right:** Brendan and Curtis show off their Homecoming spirit by dressing up as superstars.

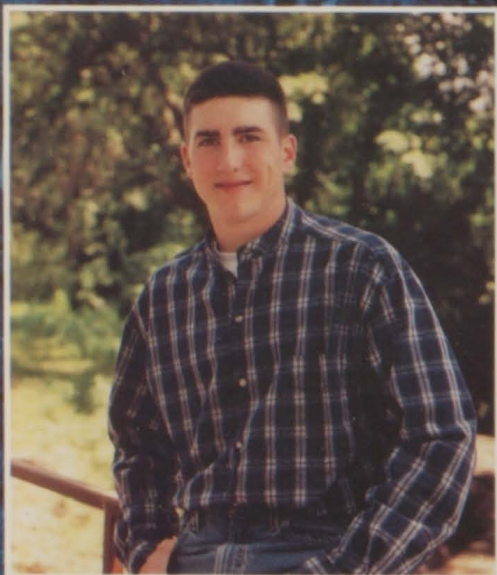
**Above Middle:** The senior class is doing what they do best.

**Below Left:** The five senior football players will always remember "Bomber Football."

**Below Right:** David, Kent, and Trent all seem amused by something on the other side of the room.







*David Robert Carlson*



*Rochelle Lynn Carman*



*Brendan Lee Dittmer*



*Amy Sue Fuehrer*



*Kent William Helgoth*

*Class Motto:  
The world of reality  
has its limits:  
the world of  
imagination is  
boundless.*

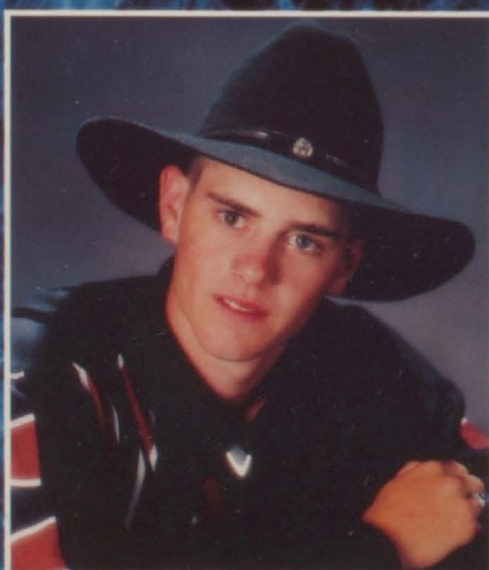
*Class Flower:  
White Rose*

*Class Colors:  
Purple, Black and Gold*

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9  
9  
7



*Bernie Joseph Prososki*

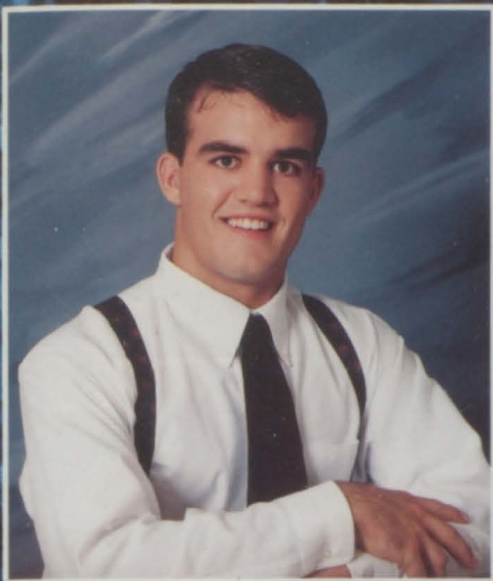


*Curtis Walter Rieken*



*David Michael Tibke*





*William Joseph Douglas*



*Haley Ann Dush*



*Trent Joshua Engel*



*Michael Andrew Urkoski*



*Joe Leo Ziemba*



*Sherri Lou Zoucha*



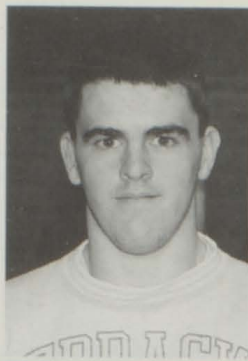


Casey and Joni looking their best for Homecoming week.



Audrey Z. smiling for the camera despite the cold weather.

Brian Buller  
Casey Grause  
Bucky Herman



Joni Pollard  
Duke Retzlaff  
LaDonna Staniec



Torri Walford  
Audrey Ziemba  
Laurel Ziemba



Mrs. V. says,  
"The Juniors are  
making tracks  
for next  
YEAR."

Juniors say,  
"They will be #1  
Next year!"



Casey and LaDonna are typing in the computer room.



Duke getting pumped up before a football game.

10 Juniors... Curtis



Casey, Torri, Joni and LaDonna are cooking with Miss Naby in Spanish class.



# JUNIORS ARE MAKING TRACKS IN '98



Junior boys are clowning around during homecoming week.



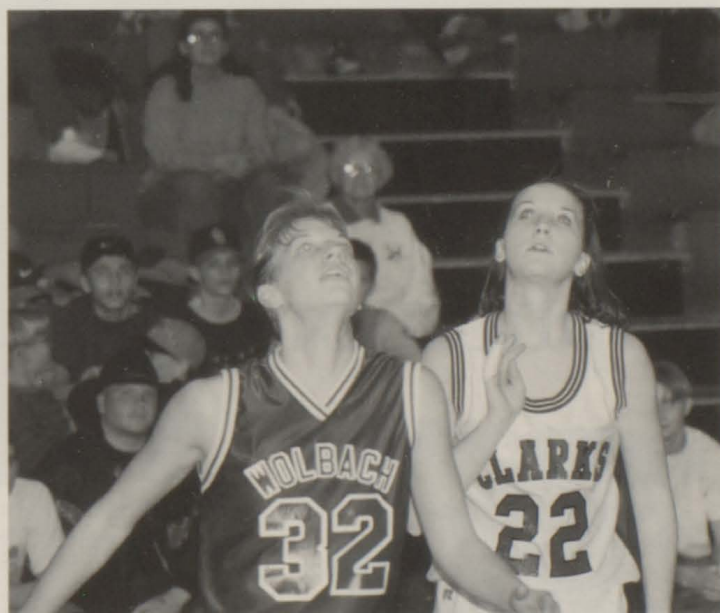
Torri Walford looking her best while waiting for the bell.



**Top:** Brian Buller, Bucky Herman, Duke Retzlaff, Laurel Ziemba, Joni Pollard, Torri Walford  
**Bottom Row:** Casey Grause, LaDonna Staniec, Audrey Ziemba



Bucky Herman going for a rebound with intensity.



Joni Pollard waits for the ball against Wolbach.  
Curtis...Juniors 11



MaeLynn Bittinger  
 Krystal Boroviak  
 Todd Church  
 Tamara Dittmer  
 Kirk Helgoth



Martha Hoffer  
 Jesse Kohl  
 Justin Kohl  
 Tim Lesiak



Daron Lindgreen  
 Alan Rieken  
 Michael Rieken  
 Breanne Rosenthal  
 Abbey Schultz  
 Jesse Sweet



Shari Sweet  
 Nick Tignor  
 Melissa Traxler  
 Kurt Urkoski  
 Tabitha Van Pelt

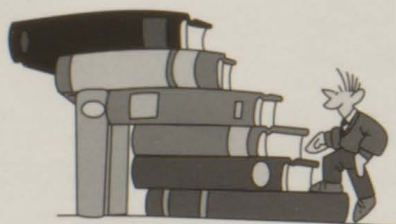


Carrie Ziemba



Alan, Tabitha, Abbey, Carrie, and Breanne are the hillbilly family of the Sophomore class .

# Sophomores





# STAYING ON TRACK



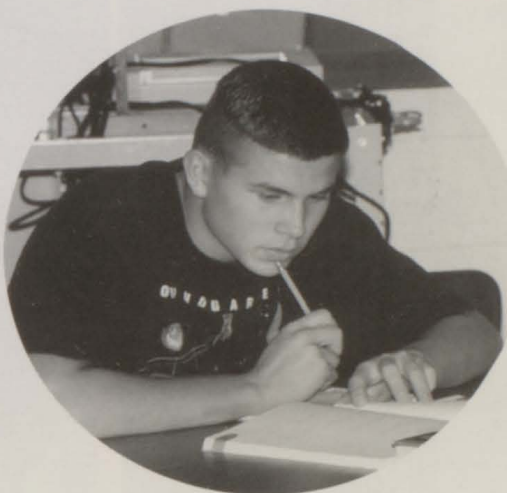
Tim is showing off his muscularity to the art class.



Jesse, Michael, Daron, and Tim are sharing their views on the game with the rest of the crowd.



Lynn, Tamara, and Krystal are showing their school spirit during Spirit week.



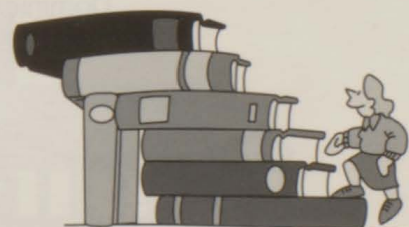
Kurt showing a serious side of himself in study hall.

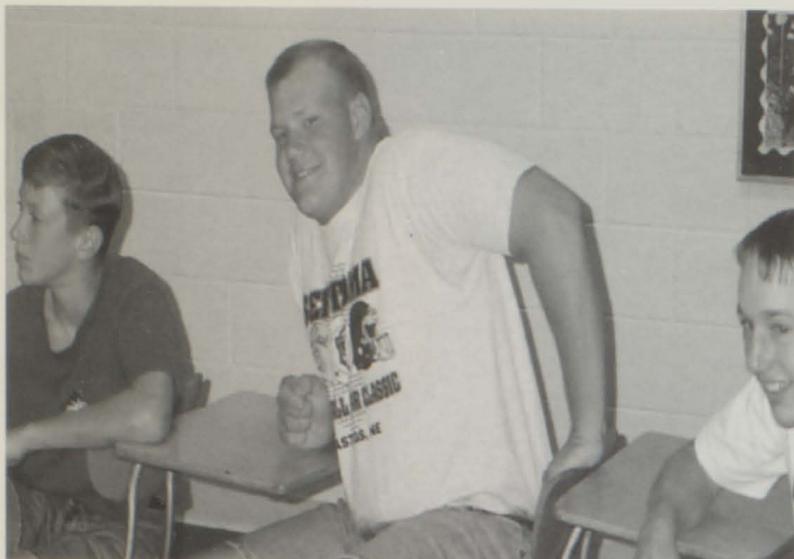


Martha and Melissa salute school spirit during Spirit week.



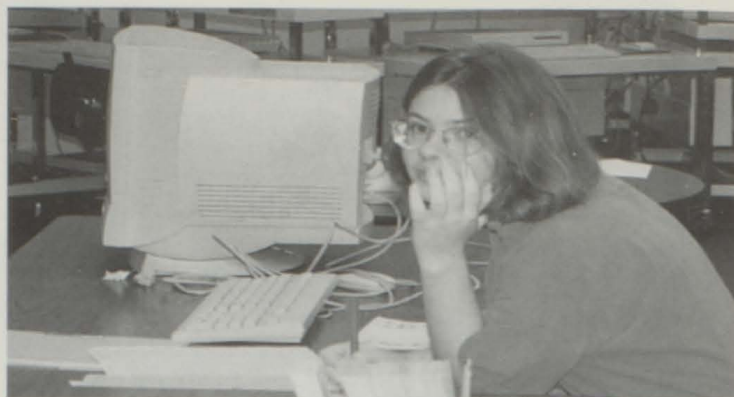
**Front row:** (l-r) Melissa Traxler, Shari Sweet, Martha Hoffer, Tabitha Van Pelt, Breanne Rosenthal, Nick Tignor, Kirk Helgoth **Middle row:** (l-r) Carrie Ziemba, Krystal Boroviak, MaeLynn Bittinger, Abbey Schultz, Jesse Kohl, Daron Lindgreen, Justin Kohl **Back row:** (l-r) Tamara Dittmer, Alan Rieken, Jesse Sweet, Tim Lesiak, Kurt Urkoski, Todd Church, Michael Rieken





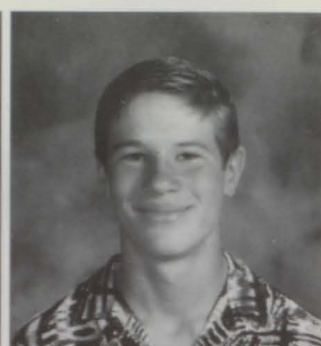
**Left:** Mitch and Tim seem more interested in the camera rather than the math lesson, while Loren pays close attention.

**Below:** Staci takes a break from her work she is doing for Miss Knaub.



# FRESHMEN

Staci Anderson  
Mary Boroviak  
Jeremy Dubas



Tyler Herman  
Loren Lindgreen  
Mitch Manstedt



April Staniec  
Tim Yrkoski  
Ashley Woods



Dominic Zoucha







**Front row** (l-r) Staci Anderson, April Staniec, Ashley Woods, Mary Boroviak.  
**Second row** (l-r) Tyler Herman, Jeremy Dubas, Mitch Manstedt, Dominic Zoucha, Loren Lindgreen.

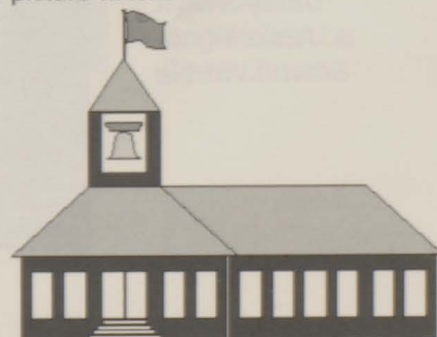
**Below:** Tyler shows the correct technique used for bicep curls.



**Above:** (left) Loren is in rare form playing for band during a home volleyball game.

**Above:** (right) April and Ashley find a much needed excuse to get away from computer work.

**Left:** Dominic and Jeremy look enthused about having their picture taken.







**Above:** (Left) Joe shows his spirit during the week of Homecoming with a classic smile.

**Above:** (Right) Cody checks to see how many calories he consumed in a candy bar at a football game.

**Below:** (Left) Carolann and Cathy are putting the final touches on the Homecoming decorations.



**Above:** (First row) (l-r) Curtis Swedenburg, Justin Dittmer. (Second row) Jimmy Beck, Steven Wruble, Josh Dittmer, Alicia Tignor. (Third row) Amber Fuehrer, Carolann Doss, Paige Jacobi, Joe Staniec. (Fourth Row) Clint Church, Ross Richards, Cathy Sweet, Cody Schultz, Caley Swedenburg.

# EIGHTH

Jimmy Beck  
Clint Church  
Josh Dittmer  
Justin Dittmer  
Carolann Doss



Amber Fuehrer  
Paige Jacobi  
Ross Richards  
Cody Schultz  
Joe Staniec



Curtis Swedenburg  
Caley Swedenburg  
Cathy Sweet  
Alicia Tignor  
Steven Wruble







**Above:** (Left) Junior High wrestlers: John, Daniel, Mitch, and T.J. take a break between matches.

**Above:** (Middle) Shane and Dyrek laugh because they are the only people who know who the person behind the book is.

**Above:** (Right) Heather shows the crowd her version of the Macarena.

**Below:** (Left) First row (l-r) John Hannappel, Dillon Retzlaff, Drew Rasmussen, Dawn Buller. (Second row) Dyrek Zoucha, Irene Peterson, T.J. Beck, Heather Bittinger, Talli Walford. (Third row) Daniel Ziemba, Sami Sweet, Mitchell Hoffer, Shane Van Pelt, Jennifer Beck, Ryan Veburg, Jason Dubas, Holly Traxler, Kandra Koenig.

## SEVENTH



Jennifer Beck  
T.J. Beck  
Heather Bittinger  
Dawn Buller  
Jason Dubas  
John Hannappel



Mitchell Hoffer  
Kandra Koenig  
Irene Peterson  
Drew Rasmussen  
Dillon Retzlaff  
Sami Sweet



Holly Traxler  
Shane Van Pelt  
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Talli Walford  
Daniel Ziemba  
Dyrek Zoucha

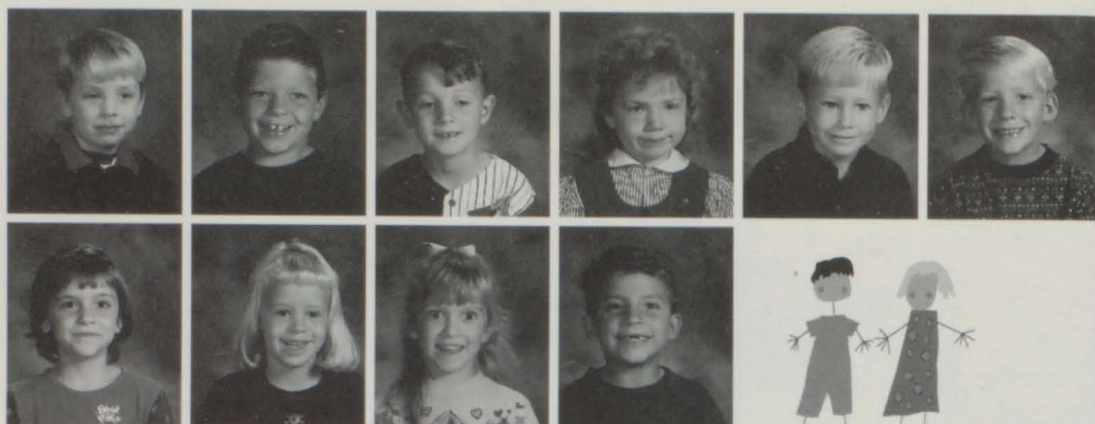




# Backtracking to Elementary

## KINDERGARTEN

Adam Danklesen  
Preston Dettter  
Corbey Grause  
Britny Kava  
Jacob Kennedy  
Tanner Kuhn  
Cheyanne Schultz  
Haley Strobel  
Meagan Sundberg  
Joseph Wetzel



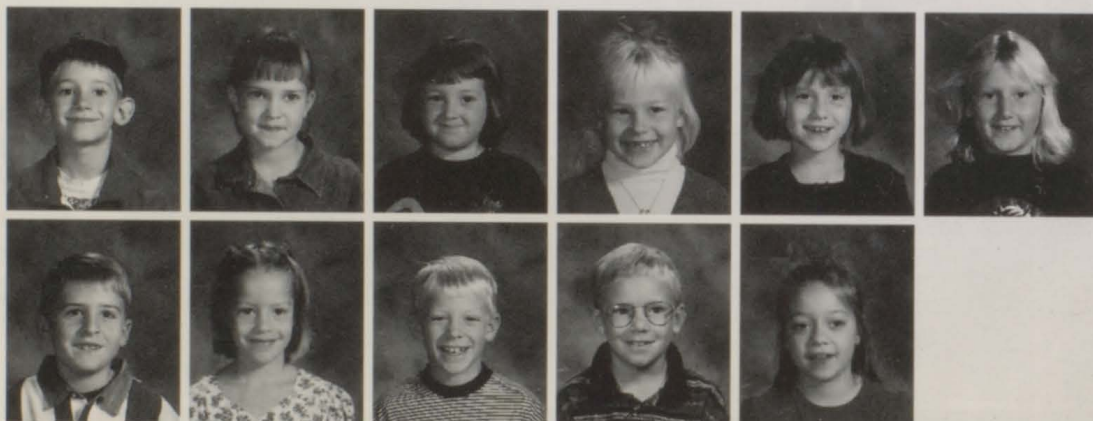
## FIRST GRADE

Anthony Beck  
Caleb Church  
Erin Davis  
Jesse Dubas  
Brooke Engel  
Calvin Shively  
Sarah Staniec  
Megan Tibke  
Clete Vrbka  
Danika Wirrick  
Mary Ziemba



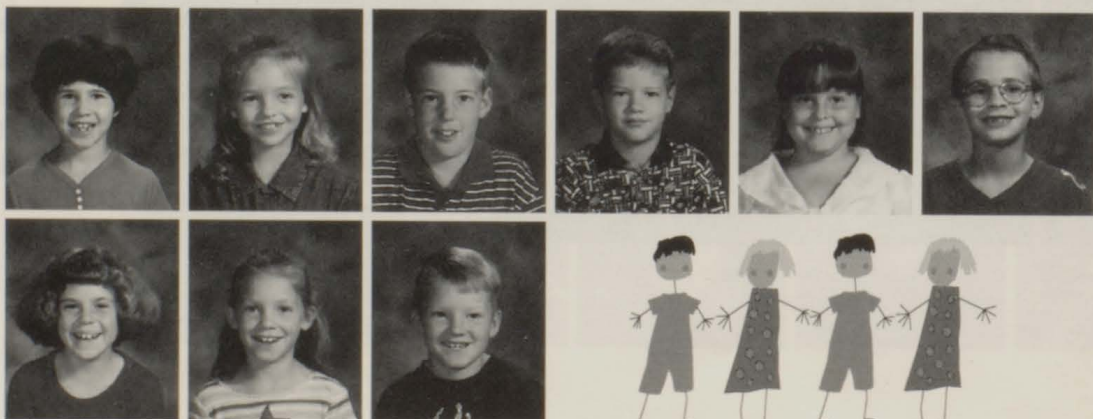
## SECOND GRADE

Nicholas Beck  
Jessica Braasch  
Megan Burruss  
Heather Church  
Nicole Davis  
Julia Doss  
Clay Fritz  
Skye Hejtmanek  
Travis Kuhn  
Trevor Labarge  
Jonella Yrkoski



## THIRD GRADE

Jessica Beck  
Kayla Beck  
Kevin Church  
Thomas Herman  
Christina Rhodes  
Brent Scherer  
Ashley Strobel  
Candice Swedenburg  
Chris Ziemba







#### FOURTH GRADE

Vinny Bittinger  
Sami Danklesen  
Bryan Davis  
Samantha Dubas  
Holly Engel  
Brett Kuhn



Dustin Kufeldt  
Jessica Shotkoski  
Corinna Vrbka  
Brent Zoucha



#### FIFTH GRADE

Brian Beck  
Sadie Church  
Carlee Dittmer  
Travis Engel  
Ivy Hejtmanek  
Nichole Labarge



Anthony Shively  
Sara Sweet  
Tyler Terryberry  
Derek Veburg  
Alyson Wruble  
Kyle Yrkoski



#### SIXTH GRADE

Melissa Anderson  
Derek Beck  
Shari Boroviak  
Dage Detter  
Cara Fritz  
Travis Herman



Dustin Janulewicz  
Amanda Kohl  
Cole Swedenburg



A blast with bubbles. The fourth, fifth and sixth graders spend some time outside learning about bubbles.

**Standing** (l-r) Dustin Kufeldt, Shari Boroviak, Alyson Wruble, Carlee Dittmer, Ivy Hejtmanek, Kyle Yrkoski, Nichole Labarge, Travis Engel, Melissa Anderson, Corinna Vrbka, Ms. Knaub, Sara Sweet. **(Kneeling)** Derek Beck, Amanda Kohl.



Kindergarteners eating lunch and smiling? **Front:** (l-r) Preston Detter, Adam Danklesen, Corbey Grause **Back row:** (l-r) Haley Strobel, Britny Kava, and Cheyanne Schultz enjoy their lunches of burritos, nachos, peaches and cake.





# FACULTY and STAFF

**Karol Bankson-Recknor**  
Speech /Language Pathologist  
**Teri Beck** - 6th Grade  
**Vickie Beck** - Technology  
Coordinator  
**Robert Bjorklund** - Guidance  
Counselor  
**Tammy Boeka** - 4th Grade



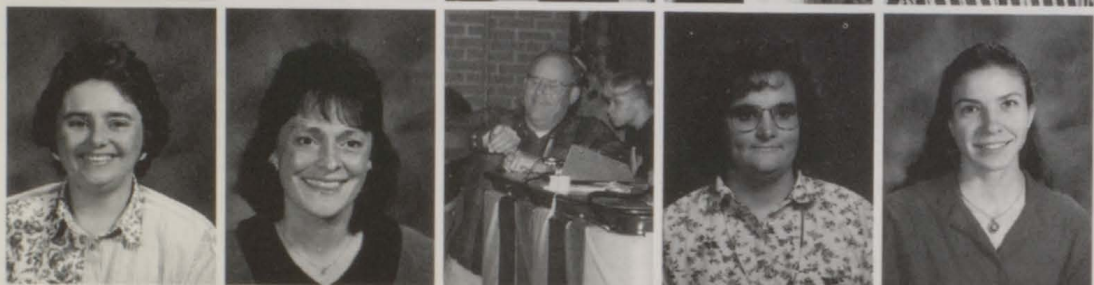
**Kathy Brazda** - Kindergarten  
**Shelly Church** - Secretary  
**Angel Cook** - Music  
**Nancy Ditloff** - Recess &  
Lunch Supervisor  
**Doug Gilson** - Secondary Principal



**Bonnie Goodman** - Art - Media  
**Greg Hansen** - Industrial Arts  
**Shirley Hendricks** - Home Ec.,  
Jr. Hi English  
**Jacki Knaub** - 5th Grade  
**Tim Koehn** - Math



**Kelly Lesiak** - 2nd Grade  
**Dorla Lindburg** - 3rd Grade  
**Norm Manstedt** - Wrestling Coach  
**Melissa McQueen** - Science  
**Lisa Nabity** - Spanish



**Kevin Pettigrew** - Physical  
Education  
**Loretta Pollard** - Aide  
**Dolores Rader** - Superintendent  
**Marveen Terryberry** - Resource  
**Deb Ueckert** - 1st Grade



**Andy Vrbka** - Social Studies  
**Jae Lynn Vyhldal** - English  
**Don Walford** - Business  
**Diane Wiese** - Chapter 1,  
Lang. Arts







**Top: (left) Mr. Koehn** checking math papers.

**Top: (right) Mrs. Beck** is testing out the new computers.

**Far right: Mr. Gilson** gives the students a lecture on the first day of school.



**Above: Mrs. Hendricks** is surprised by the camera flash. **Left: Mrs. Lesiak** walking through the hall with her second graders. **Right: Mrs. Cook** is typing away on the computer in her room.



**Left: Mrs. Terryberry** is loving this picture. **Middle: Miss Goodman** showing her good side. **Right: Mrs. Vyhldal** is working hard to get those English papers checked.



**Mr. Pettigrew** is posing for a picture with **Mr. Bjorklund**.



**Nancy Dittloff** is walking to the lunch room to watch the elem.



# TRACKING

## FALL ACTIVITIES



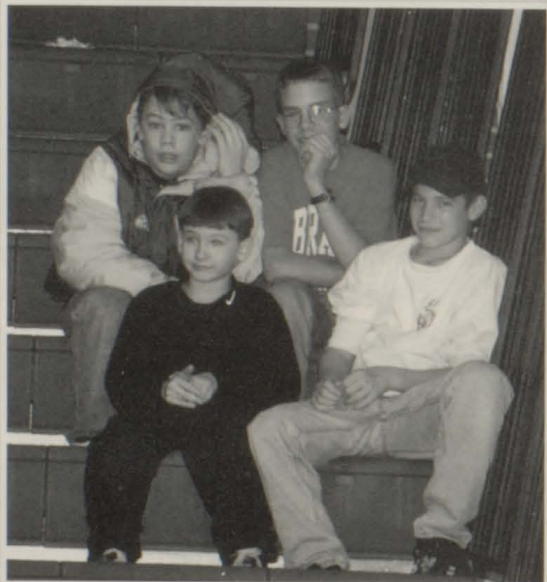
**Above left:** Cody S. works on getting off a good punt in a jr. high game.

**Above middle:** Kurt U. gets the OK from Justin K. and Kent H. to set on their lap as Michael R., Denise Y. and Casey G. seem to be amused by their actions.

**Above right:** Daron L. takes a long awaited break from his artwork to pose.

**Left:** (l-r) Mitchell H., Dyrek Z., Brian B. and Travis H. get away from the crowd at a home game.

**Above:** (l-r) Brian B., Mitch M., Kirk H. and David T. are taking it easy before the next snap at an away game.







**Above left:** Heather B. shows how hard she works as a student manager for the volleyball team.

**Above right:** The elementary kids try out the new playground equipment.

**Middle left:** Alan R. and Loren L. are doing the essentials to get ready for a big game.

**Middle right:** Breanne R. and Abbey S. are dressed for homecoming week and rehearsing their lines for the drama production.

**Bottom:** Corinna V. and Clete V. give Willie D. a hard time during the scavenger hunt.



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# Homecoming "96"

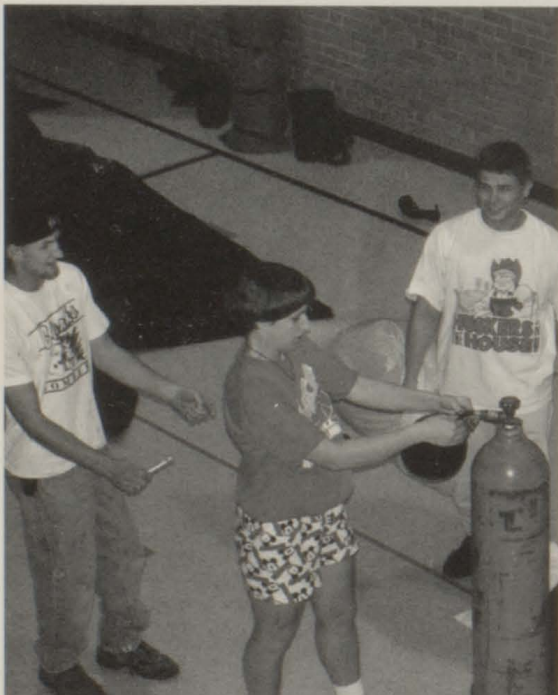
Homecoming this year was a great success. The theme "Tonight Tonight" is a song by the Smashing Pumpkins. The senior class worked well together to make the gym look perfect. The hallway decorations were great. Each hall was decorated expressing the theme and showing school spirit. The colors this year were black, gold and silver. At halftime last year's king and queen, Daylen Grafe and Eric Manstedt. crowned this year's king and queen, Sherri Zoucha and Willie Douglas. Attendants were Haley Dush, David Carlson, Kent Helgoth, and Denise Yrkoski. The Bombers jumped all over the Cedar Rapids Tigers to gain a football homecoming victory.



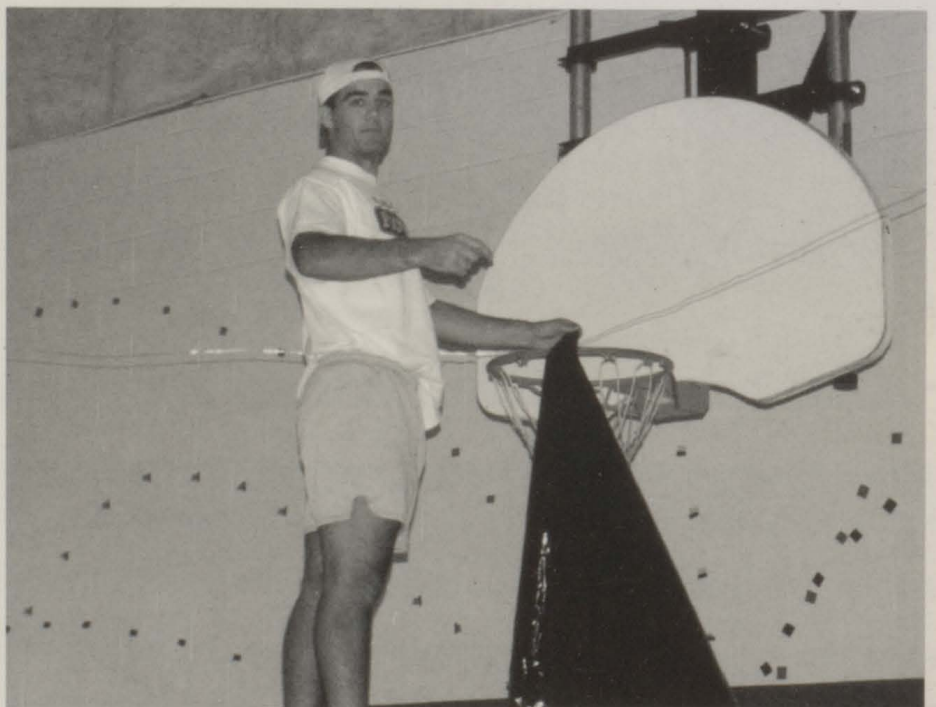
**Left:** (l-r) Denise Yrkoski, Corbey Grause, Willie Douglas, Sherri Zoucha, Cheyanne Schultz, Haley Dush, Kent Helgoth, David Carlson.

**Bottom Left:** Joe Z. is going to scare Sherri Z. while Mike U. smiles for the occasion.

**Bottom Right:** Willie D. is waiting for someone to give him the staple gun so he can attach the first piece of tarp paper.

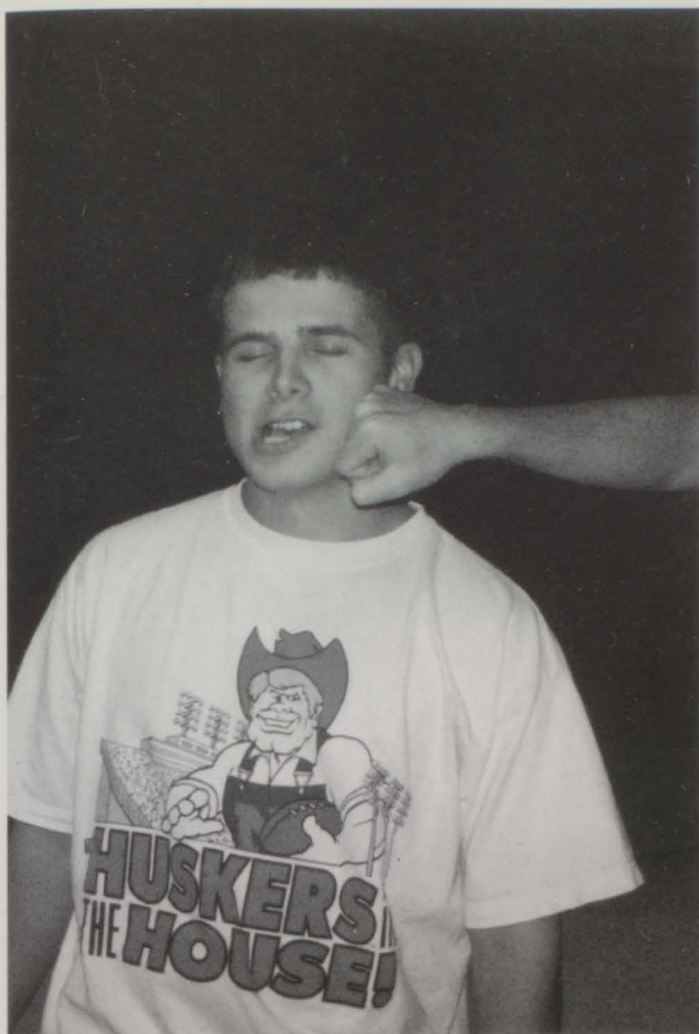


24 ... Curtis Homecoming





# Tonight Tonight



Mike U. getting the punch line on the decorations.



Krystal B. is pushing her way to the finish line at the Student Council scavenger hunt during homecoming week.



Dead people are alive and ready for their picture.



**Above:** Sherri Z., Amy F. and Rochelle C. are making stars for decorations.

**Right:** Kent H. is being the class clown in this picture.







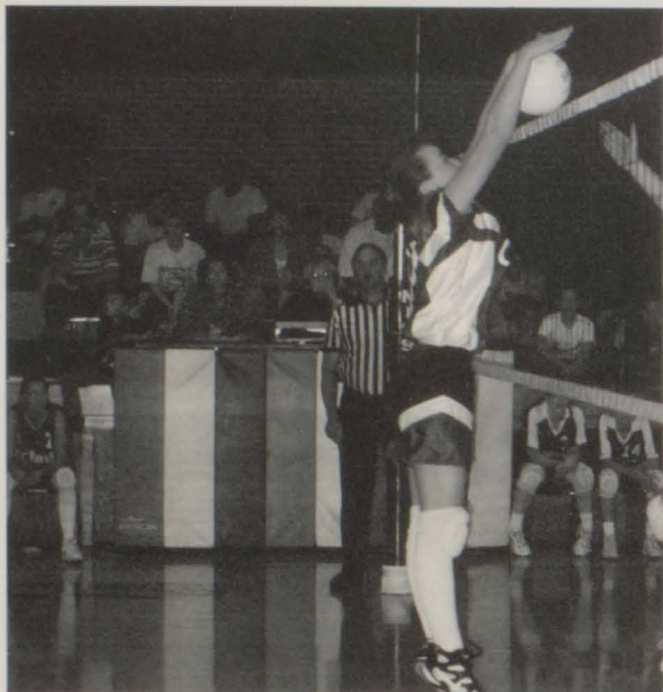
# OVER THE NET

The Clarks Bomber volleyball team had a good year. The varsity had an overall record of (7-13) and the junior varsity finished with a record of (7-5). Sherri Zoucha finished her senior season with style, earning second team all-conference and leading the team in spikes.

The Bombers started to gel towards the end of the season. The team almost pulled off a win against Elba that would have put them in the district game. The Bombers improved throughout the year and will continue to do so next year.



**Above:** Junior Audrey Ziemba is set to pass the ball to a teammate.

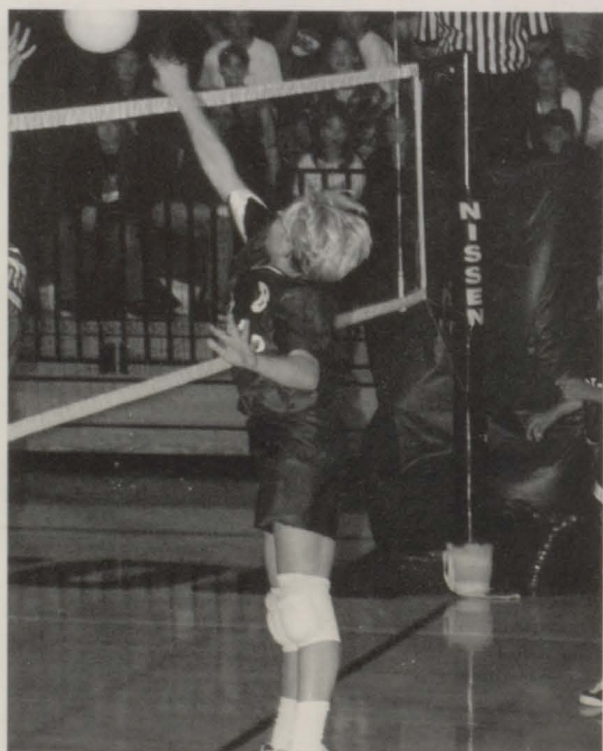


**Above:** Junior Joni Pollard stuffs the ball back in the face of a NL-S Wildcat.

**Above Right:** The group is caught goofing around during a break in the action.

**Bottom Left:** Sophomore Breanne Rosenthal tries for another set assist.

**Bottom Right:** Sophomore Carrie Ziemba tricks the defense by dinking the ball in the hole.







1996 Clarks Bomber Volleyball. **Bottom:** (l-r) Heather Bittinger, Tabitha Van Pelt, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Mary Boroviak, Sami Sweet. **Middle:** (l-r) Caley Swedenburg, Shari Sweet, Breanne Rosenthal, Audrey Ziemba, Carrie Ziemba, Amber Fuehrer. **Top:** (l-r) Talli Walford, Coach Jacki Knaub, Tamara Dittmer, Abbey Schultz, Sherri Zoucha, Joni Pollard, Torri Walford, Laurel Ziemba, Coach Tim Koehn.



**Above left:** Junior Torri Walford blocks the ball with style.

**Above right:** Sophomore Tamara Dittmer shows how she gets points in a varsity game.

**Left:** Watch out opposing sides! Senior Sherri Zoucha bumps the ball to the setter and will get ready to pound the ball in the ground, as Carrie and Abbey look on.



# 1996 Clarks Bomber Varsity Volleyball Team record: 7 wins - 13 losses

L	Petersburg	6 -15, 10 -15
W	NE Christian	15 -11, 15 - 3
W	Fullerton	12 -15, 15 - 9, 15 -12
L	Shickley *	3 -15, 1 -15
L	Fairmont *	15 -11, 9 -15, 4 -15
L	Exeter *	14 -16, 13 -15
L	Greeley	8 -15, 8 -15
L	Cedar Rapids	9 -15, 15 -13, 10 -15
L	St. Edward	9 -15, 9 -15
L	Genoa	9 -15, 5 -15
L	NL - Scotia	15 -7, 2 -15, 9 -15
W	Silver Creek	15 -8, 1 -15, 15 -10
W	NE Christian**	15 -13, 15 - 2
L	Greeley**	4 -15, 13 -15
W	Monroe	10 -15, 15 -6, 15 -12
L	Palmer	15 -10, 9 -15, 0 -15
W	Osceola	3 -15, 15 -13, 15 -7
L	Polk - Hordville	8 -15, 5 -15
W	Monroe***	15 -4, 7 -15, 15 -7
L	Elba***	13 -15, 4 -15

\* Fairmont Tournament

\*\* Goldenrod Conference Tournament @ Greeley

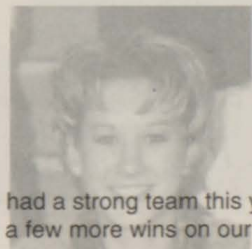
\*\*\*Sub-District Tournament @ Silver Creek



"We improved a lot from last year and played more like a team."



"We had a good season; it is fun being a freshman player."



"We had a strong team this year and put a few more wins on our record."



# Charging Down Field



The Bomber football team improved a great deal on last year's record. The Bombers took a strong team to the district game at Lewiston and finished a respected runner-up in the Goldenrod Conference Blue Division. The Bombers had many highlights during the season. Duke Retzlaff led the team in rushing with a remarkable 1094 yards which led to first team All-Conference and All-Heartland honors. Duke also earned a spot on the All-State honorable-mention team.

Senior Willie Douglas received first team All-State, All-Heartland, and All-Conference awards for his illustrious ability at the middle linebacker position. Kirk Helgoth took home a first team All-Conference quarterback award. David Tibke, Trent Engel, and Kent Helgoth obtained second team honors. Clarks has set their sights on a return trip to the post-season next year. Clarks has a good crop returning and have a good shot at reaching their goals.



Sophomore Kirk Helgoth heads back to set up the play for the Bombers.



**Above left:** The team huddles during a time-out at Lewiston. **Above right:** Here comes "Mugsy"! Freshman Tyler Herman keeps chuggin' to get to the end zone against Greeley. **Left:** Seniors Willie Douglas and David Tibke block straight ahead to open up a hole for Duke in a game against Nebraska Christian.







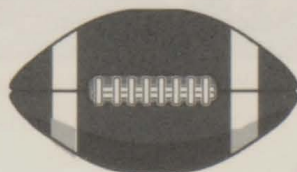
1996 Clarks Bomber Football. **Bottom:** (l-r) Clete Vrbka, Tyler Herman, Trent Engel, Kent Helgoth, Duke Retzlaff, Kirk Helgoth, Justin Kohl, Coach Kevin Pettigrew. **Second row:** (l-r) Coach Andy Vrbka, Loren Lindgreen, Tim Yrkoski, Todd Church, Alan Rieken, David Carlson, Tim Lesiak, Dominic Zoucha. **Third row:** (l-r) David Tibke, Willie Douglas, Mitch Manstedt, Brian Buller, Jeremy Dubas. **Fourth row:** (l-r) St. Managers Cody Schultz, Jimmy Beck, Mitchell Hoffer, Clint Church, T.J. Beck, Ross Richards.



**Above left:** "Center" of Attention. Freshman Mitch Manstedt looks ahead to see which Nebraska Christian Eagle he blocks before he snaps the ball.

**Above right:** Senior Kent Helgoth uses blocks from David Tibke and Duke Retzlaff to run for a big gain.

**Left:** Junior Duke Retzlaff uses his blocks to get into the open field in the district game at Lewiston.



# 1996 Clarks Bomber Varsity Football Team record: 5 wins - 4 losses

Clarks	30 - 27	Petersburg
Clarks	36 - 18	Palmer
Clarks	52 - 28	Silver Creek
Clarks	22 - 60	St. Edward
Clarks	6 - 54	NL - Scotia
Clarks	44 - 6	Greeley
Clarks	28 - 30	NE Christian
* Clarks	60 - 22	Cedar Rapids
** Clarks	34 - 56	Lewiston

\* Homecoming

\*\* District Qualifying Game

## Most memorable time of the 1996 football season.



"I loved sharing the memories of playing football with my classmates and friends."



"This was the most fun I've ever had in football but I had too many cramps."



"The bus ride up to Greeley and Justin's selective diarrhea."



# Jr. High Football & Volleyball



**Back row:** (l-r) Coach Kevin Pettigrew, Dyrek Zoucha, Steven Wruble, Cody Schultz, Ross Richards, Shane Van Pelt, Clint Church, Josh Dittmer, Daniel Ziemba, Drew Rasmussen, Asst. Coach Willie Douglas

**Front row:** (l-r) Jason Dubas, Joe Staniec, T.J. Beck, Dillon Retzlaff, Curtis Swedenburg, Mitchell Hoffer, Justin Dittmer, Jimmy Beck, John Hannappel, Ryan Veburg



**Back row:** (l-r) Coach Melissa McQueen, Dawn Buller, Talli Walford, Sami Sweet, Caley Swedenburg, Cathy Sweet, Paige Jacobi, Asst. Coach Tamara Dittmer

**Middle row:** (l-r) Holly Traxler, Irene Peterson, Carolann Doss, Amber Fuehrer

**Front row:** (l-r) Alicia Tignor, Heather Bittinger, Kandra Koenig, Jennifer Beck



Jr. High boys football team is preparing to put the ball into play.



Jr. High girls volleyball team is getting a pep talk from their coach during a time-out.



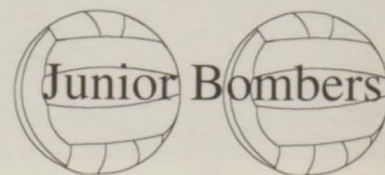
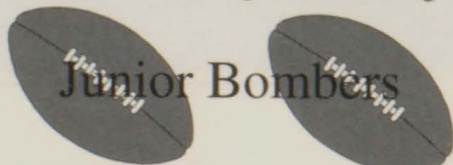
Clint Church is running the ball for a goal.



Cathy Sweet is returning the volleyball to the opposing team.



Caley Swedenburg concentrates on passing the ball to the setter.





# Jr. and Sr. High Cheerleading



**Back row:** (l-r) Martha Hoffer, Rochelle Carman, Shari Sweet  
**Front row:** (l-r) April Staniec, Ashley Woods



**Back row:** Alicia Tignor **Middle row:** (l-r) Paige Jacobi, Amber Fuehrer **Front row:** Jennifer Beck



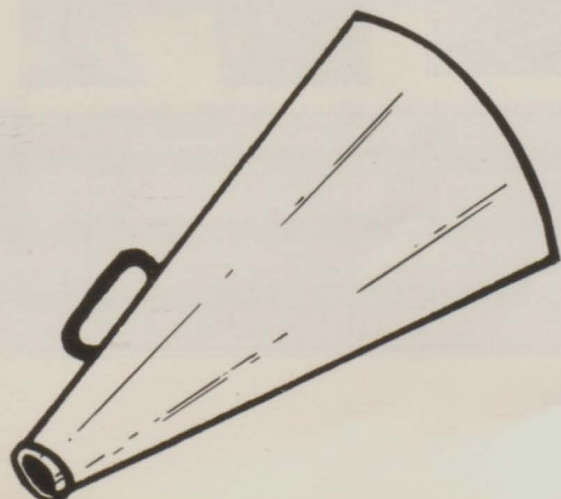
Rochelle Carman and Martha Hoffer are showing their school spirit at the Nebraska Christian game.



Alicia Tignor, Jenny Beck, Paige Jacobi, Amber Fuehrer are deciding on what cheer to do next.



Ashley Woods, Shari Sweet, Rochelle Carman, and Martha Hoffer are starting a crowd cheer at a home basketball game.





# Breaking

## New Ground '97



**Above:** Willie D. plays Santa Claus during the week of Christmas.

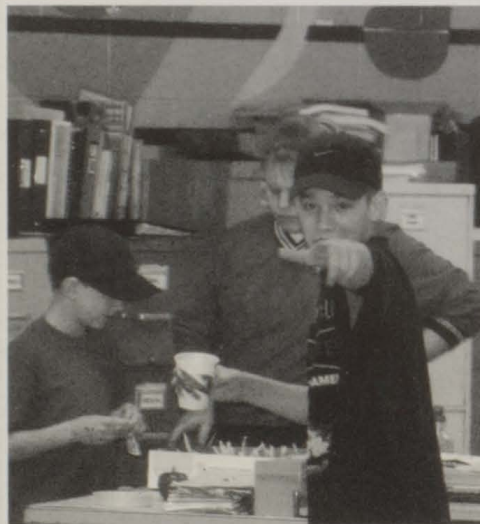
**Bottom:** (l-r) Haley D. and Sherri Z. fill balloons for homecoming decorations.



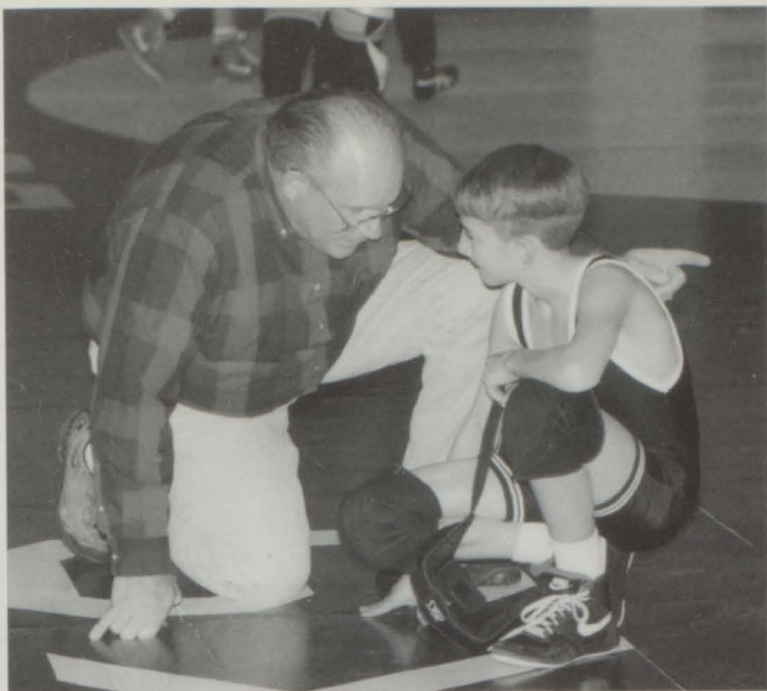
**Above:** (l-r) Haley S., Brooke E., Anthony B. and Jesse D. are having a little fun while practicing for the Christmas program.

**Bottom Center:** Brian B. and Travis H. buy some goodies from the cheerleader, Shari S.

**Bottom Right:** David T. shows off his four foot snake in school.

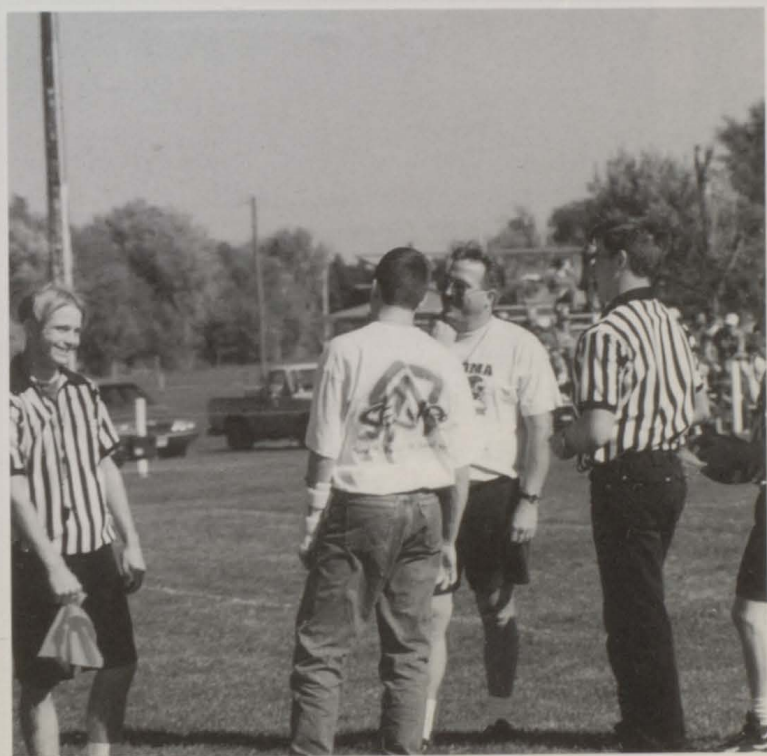




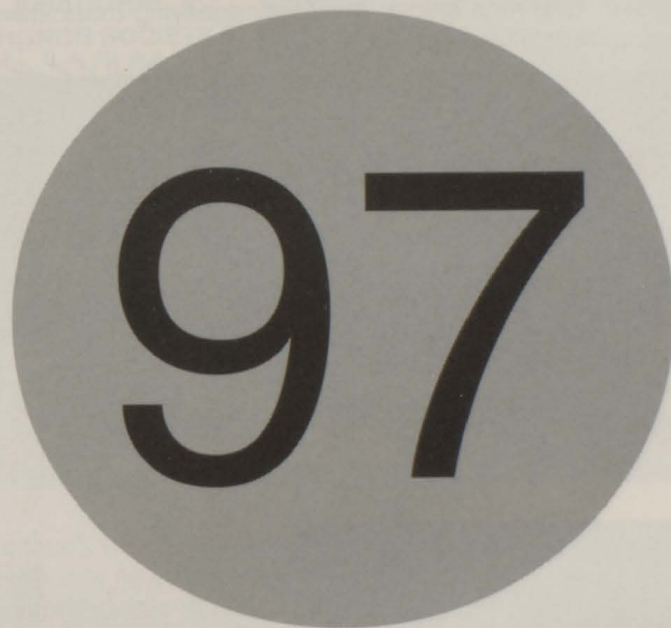


**Above:** (l-r) Coach Manstedt gives T.J. Beck a last minute talk before his match.

**Bottom:** (l-r) Duke R., David C., Mr. Vrbka, Brian B. discussing a call during a Jr. High football game.



**Above:** (l-r) Casey G., Tabitha V. and Abbey S. put on a little skit for the drama class. **Bottom:** Tyler H. waits patiently for his turn to wrestle.





# Special Tracks

Special events this year were Harvest of Harmony, Close-up, Multicultural Day, and DARE. The Harvest of Harmony candidate for Clarks was Sherri Zoucha. Sherri spent two days in Grand Island preparing and having fun with girls from other schools. Close-up is a new organization that started in Clarks two years ago. This year ten students and Mr. Vrbka traveled to Washington D.C. to follow and watch the United States Government at work. They had a good time, and Mr. Vrbka plans to attend in another two years. Multicultural Day was also a new event at Clarks High School this year. It consisted of four groups studying different regions or cultures of the world. After many hours of preparation, each group shared with the rest of the school what they had learned. This was an interesting and valuable experience for the whole school. DARE is in its seventh year at Clarks. Nine members graduated from Mr. McPhillips DARE class this year.

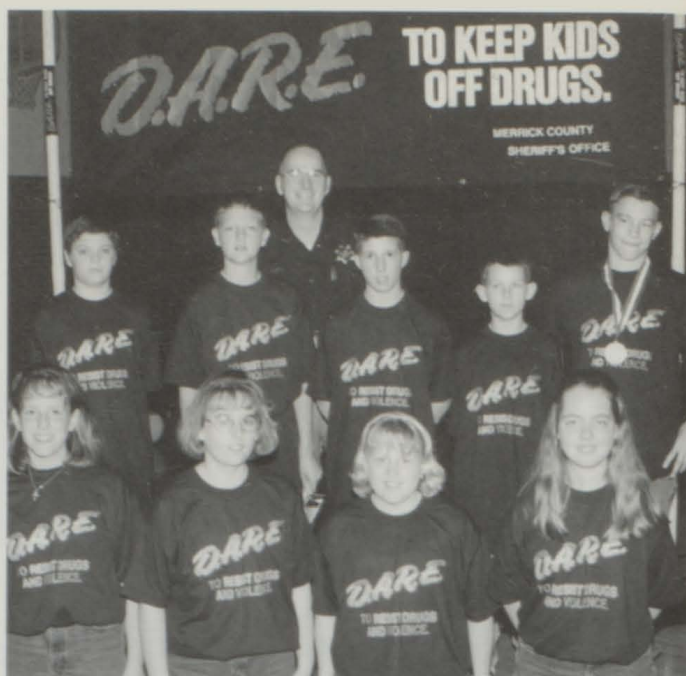


**Above:** Everyone enjoys singing and playing musical instruments during Multicultural Day.



**Above:** Sherri Zoucha smiles to the crowd as she rides along in the Harvest of Harmony parade.

**Left:** Amanda Kohl reads her essay for the DARE presentation.



**Above:** 1997 Clarks' DARE class (Front row l-r) Shari Boroviak, Cara Fritz, Amanda Kohl, Melissa Anderson (Middle row l-r) Justin Janulewicz, Dage Detter, Derek Beck, Cole Swedenburg, Travis Herman (Back row) Teacher Anthony McPhillips



**Above:** High school students do the dragon dance during the multicuture presentations.



**Above:** Close-Up gang had a great time in Washington D.C.





**Above:** National Honor Society (Front row l-r) Sherri Zoucha, David Carlson, Willie Douglas, Rochelle Carman, Haley Dush, (Middle row l-r) Martha Hoffer, Carrie Ziemba, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Breanne Rosenthal, Audrey Ziemba, Kathi Reitler, Shari Sweet, Daron Lindgreen, (Back row l-r) Abbey Schultz, Brian Buller, Brendan Dittmer, Bucky Herman, Duke Retzlaff, Torri Walford, Todd Church.

# Tracking Intelligence

Clarks' National Honor Society is proud to induct 10 new members into the Clarks' Chapter. This year's new inductees are Mae Lynn Bittinger, Martha Hoffer, Shari Sweet, Breanne Rosenthal, Brendan Dittmer, Daron Lindgreen, Todd Church, Kirk Helgoth, Carrie Ziemba, and Abbey Schultz. This year's officers are Willie Douglas, President; Sherri Zoucha, Vice President; Rochelle Carman, Secretary/Treasurer; David Carlson News Reporter; and Haley Dush, Historian. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.



**Above:** Jack Guggenmos is the guest speaker at this year's National Honor Society induction.



**Above:** Sherri Zoucha explains how much blood they will be taking out.



**Above:** David Carlson wonders how much blood he will have to donate.



**Left:** New members of the 1997 National Honor Society read the NHS pledge.



# MAKING TRACKS TO THE HILLS



The highlight of the year for all hard working drama students is the night of the performance. Once out on stage, Hollywood Hillbillies is a great success. This comedy consisted of a 27 member cast, Ms. Vyhldal had to write in some new parts since the cast was so large. Despite a rough and late start, the play turned out to be a masterpiece.



**Above:** Back row (l-r) Alan Rieken-Charles Seabury, Rochelle Carman-Josephine Seabury, Melissa Traxler-Ms. Lennox, Martha Hoffer-Mindy Sue Hawley, Mrs. Vyhldal-director, Michael Urkoski-Ralph Cavett, LaDonna Staniec-Isabelle Phelps, Joe Ziemba-Obediah Edwards, Curtis Rieken-Citizen, 2nd row (l-r) Tabitha Van Pelt-Henrietta Paxwax, Joni Pollard-Charlotte Seabury, Daron Lindgreen-Deputy Cletus, Michael Rieken-Vern Houston, Todd Church-Bubba Toe and Ms. Kearns, Bernie Prososki-Stubba Toe, Brendan Dittmer-Sheriff Tom, Jesse Sweet-Citizen, Nick Tignor-Jim Foxhall, 3rd row (l-r) Justin Kohl-Larry Houston, Torri Walford-Alice, David Carlson-Cousin Clem, Abbey Schultz-Finlandia, Breanne Rosenthal-Matilda Quail, Haley Dush-Cindy Lou Hawley, David Tibke-Tubba Toe, Jesse Kohl-Jeeves, front row (l-r) Audrey Ziemba-Gram Hawley, Trent Engel-Gramps Hawley  
**Right:** Trent E., Michael R. and David C. sing Jingle Bells in the middle of summer.

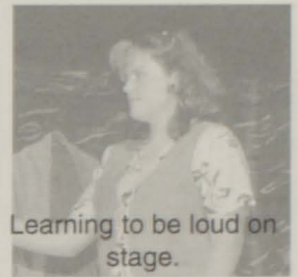
**Below:** Todd C. shows his stuff while imitating a crocodile in drama.



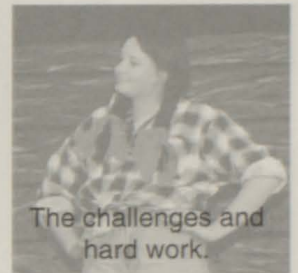




## Most Memorable Moments



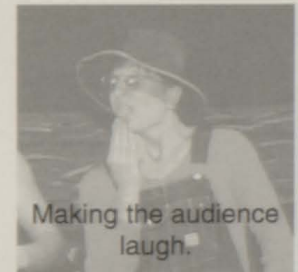
Learning to be loud on stage.



The challenges and hard work.



Fainting without flashing the audience



Making the audience laugh.



**Above:** Audrey Z. shows Trent E. that she's not a woman to be messed with.

**Left:** Brendan D. gets a lot of laughs when his character Sheriff Tom shows his fear of chickens.

**Below:** Melissa T. and Todd C. make the perfect team of nasty social workers.

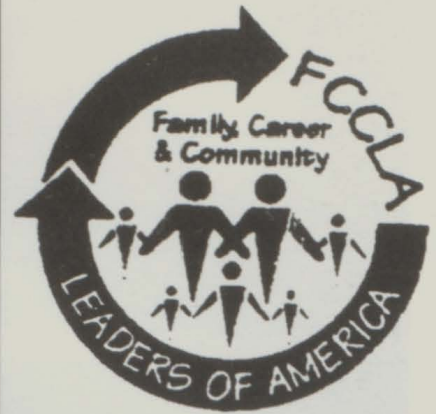


**Above:** Rochelle C., Jesse K. and Joni P. meet David C. the hick for the first time. **Left:** Tabitha V. puts the moves on Joe Z. while Michael U. watches with an amused smile.





# 97' FCCLA



**Back row** (l-r): Carolann Doss, Kandra Koenig, Ashley Woods, Laurel Ziemba, Alicia Tignor **Middle row** (l-r): April Staniec, Paige Jacobi, Amy Fuehrer, Curtis Rieken, Amber Fuehrer, Shari Sweet **Front row** (l-r): Rochelle Carman, Martha Hoffer



Amy Fuehrer FCCLA President and our Advisor Mrs. Hendricks at State FCCLA.



38 FCCLA...Amy



**Back row** (l-r): Amy Fuehrer - President, Curtis Rieken - Vice-President **Front row** (l-r): Amber Fuehrer - Reporter, April Staniec - Parliamentarian, Shari Sweet - Secretary, Rochelle Carman - Treasurer, Martha Hoffer - Historian, Paige Jacobi - Recreation.



# Tracking Down Our Dreams



**STATEBOUND WINNERS** Back row (l-r): Amber Fuehrer, Paige Jacobi, Middle row (l-r): Mrs. Hendricks (Advisor), April Staniec, Amy Fuehrer, Rochelle Carman, Ashley Woods Front row: Alicia Tignor

## Good Luck



Rochelle and Amy received a gold at State Conference.



Amber and Paige received a gold at State Conference.



April and Ashley received a top gold at State Conference.



Alicia received a gold at State Conference.



April and Paige are showing off their State FCCLA T-shirts.

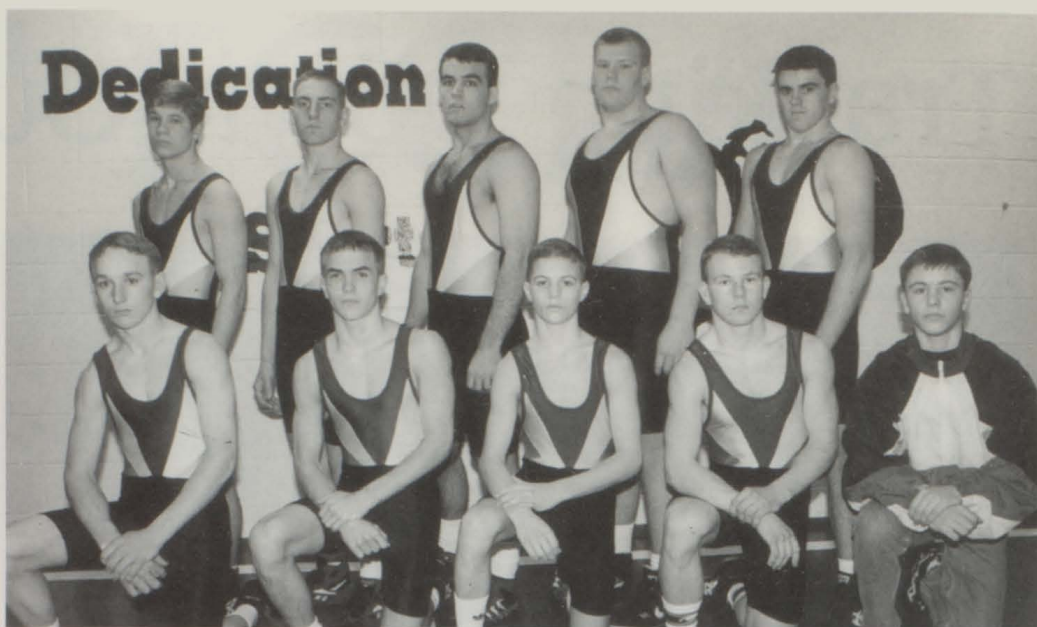


Rochelle is showing everyone how long and sleepless State Conference is for everyone.



# Wrestling on Track

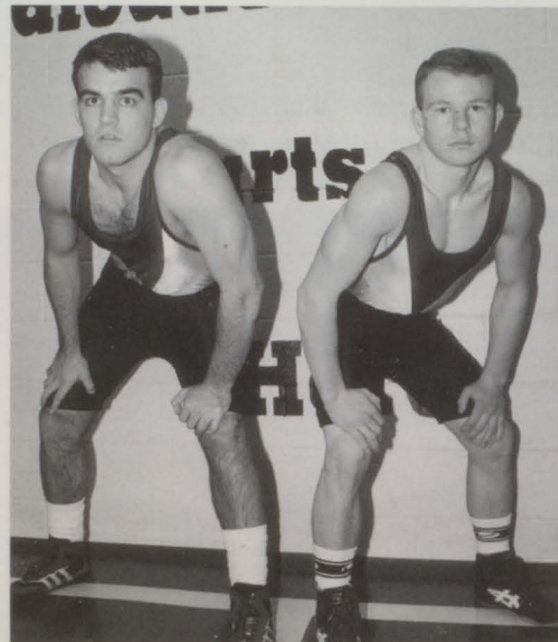
In his twenty-eighth year of coaching, Coach Manstedt is still an integral part of the wrestling program. Coach Manstedt guided the Clarks wrestling team through another successful season. The team had nine on the squad. At Milford, freshmen Tyler Herman, Tim Yrkoski, Mitch Manstedt, sophomore Kirk Helgoth, and seniors Trent Engel and Willie Douglas qualified for the state tournament. The Bombers pushed their way through the state meet taking home five medals. Willie Douglas is State Champion and Mitch Manstedt finishing with a State Runner-up. Trent Engel finished his career with third and Tyler Herman fourth with Kirk Helgoth sixth. Tim Yrkoski lost two tough matches and failed to place. The Bomber wrestling team is young but will be successful in the years to come. Everyone had an outstanding year. The team is grateful for all the support from the parents and fans.



**ABOVE:** (Front row l-r) Tim Yrkoski, Kirk Helgoth, Tyler Herman, Trent Engel, and St. Mg Clint Church (Back row l-r): Jeremy Dubas, Alan Rieken, Willie Douglas, Mitch Manstedt, and Brian Buller.



Freshman Tim Yrkoski attempts a takedown on his opponent from East Bulter. He wrestled at 135 lb. and finished the season with a record of 12-20.



**ABOVE:** (l-r) Willie Douglas is this year's Bomber's state champ with a record of 23-4. Trent Engel placed third at state and has a tremendous record of 32-1. Willie and Trent earned their 100th career wins at districts. The two seniors are also chosen to wrestle on the All-Star Wrestling East Team.



Willie Douglas puts his opponent on his back trying to go for the pin at the State Tournament.

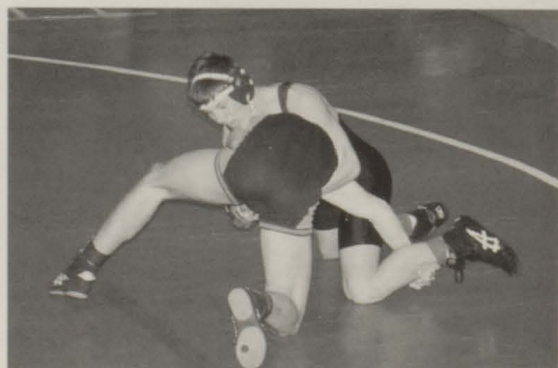
## Bomber Highlights

### 25 State Champions    100 Career Wins    Undefeated Season

Bob Church	Alan Church	Shane Strobel (2 yrs)
Alan Church	Dave Church	Ken Ksiazek
Dave Church**	Steve Strobel	
Alan Church	Shane Strobel	
Tim Beck	Ken Ksiazek	
Kevin Miller	Kevin Helgoth	
James Beck	Troy Engel	
Steve Strobel**	Trent Engel	
Scott Strobel	Willie Douglas	
Marc Strarostka		
Jerry Sundburg		
Chris Zegar		
Shane Strobel**		
Kevin Helgoth*		
Ken Ksiazek*		
Brent Ksiazek		
Corey Grause		
Willie Douglas		

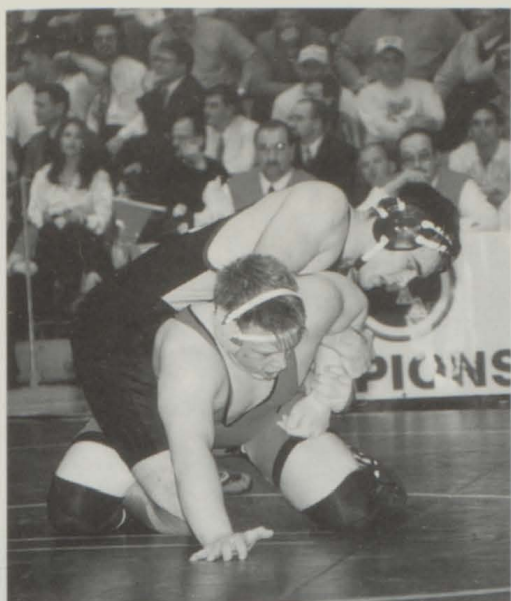
\*two time champs

\*\*three time champs



Freshman Jeremy Dubas wrestled at 145 lb. and has a record of 5-18. Jeremy is young and inexperienced but will be tough next season.

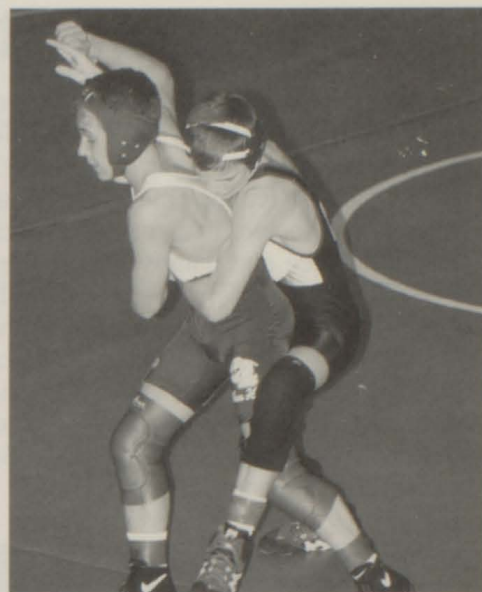




Senior Willie Douglas kicked some bootie this year, bringing home the gold medal at districts and at the State Meet. He wrestled at 215 lb.



Senior Trent Engel fought all season to stay undefeated. He won the Districts keeping that record in tact but placed third at the State Meet. He wrestled at 140 lbs.



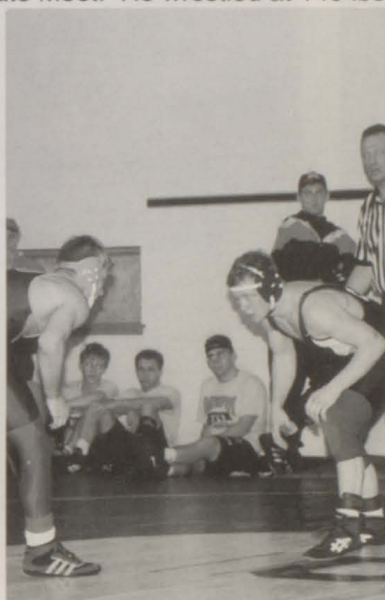
Freshman Tyler Herman stayed on track this year. He won the District title and placed fourth at the State Meet. Tyler wrestled at 103 lb. and has a record of 28-13.



Sophomore Alan Rieken stepped up this year and proved himself. He wrestled at 152 lbs. and has a record of 13-17. He will be back next year.



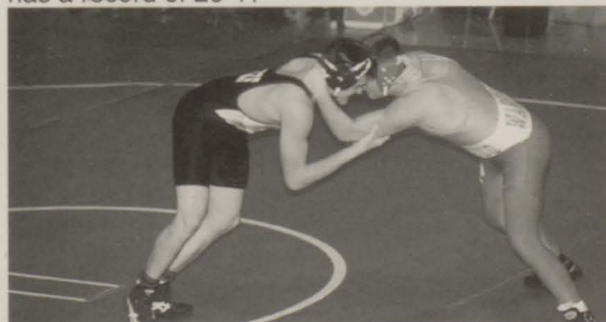
Sophomore Kirk Helgoth kicked up some dust this year after taking one year off. Kirk got second at districts and placed sixth at the State Meet. He has a record of 26-11



Trent Engel wrestles his opponent from East Bulter at the Central Eight Conference. Trent led the team in takedowns with 78 and has 237.5 points. He also led the team with 18 season pins.



Freshman Mitch Manstedt did a lot of damage this season. Mitch placed second at districts and brought home the silver medal from the State Meet. He wrestled at heavyweight and collected a record of 24-7.



Junior Brian Buller works on a takedown against his opponent from Red Cloud. He wrestled at 171 lb. and has a record 12-17

TOURNAMENT	POINTS
Omaha North Inv.	104.5
Bomber Inv.	141
Wahoo Inv.	51
Clarks Inv.	83
Stromsburg Inv.	97.5
Mullen Inv.	112
Valley Inv.	115.5
Central 8 Conference	86
Grand Island C.C.	75
Districts	129.5
State	90.5

#### TEAM STANDING

POINTS	TEAM STANDING
104.5	7th
141	2nd
51	7th
83	6th
97.5	5th
112	5th
115.5	3rd
86	4th
75	8th
129.5	3rd
90.5	4th





# Basketball Rolls On!

The Clarks High School basketball team had an exciting season and enjoyed playing for their new coach. The team is reasonably young and played many new faces in the line-up this year. Kent Helgoth, Curtis Rieken and David Carlson were the seniors this year. They put a lot of time and effort into practice and games. Bucky Herman and Duke Reztlaff helped with leadership and will be back next year. Sophomores Daron Lindgreen, Mike Rieken, Kurt Urkoski, and Jesse Kohl saw a considerable amount of playing time this year. Loren Lindgreen and Dominic Zoucha are showing promising talent for Mr. Pettigrew's future basketball team. Post-season honors were awarded to Kent and Bucky, they both received conference honorable-mention.

**Assists**  
Kent Helgoth (114)  
Duke Reztlaff (75)

**3-Pointers**  
David Carlson (17)  
Kent Helgoth (15)

**2-pointers**  
Bucky Herman (140)  
Kent Helgoth (63)

**Blocked Shots**  
Bucky Herman (9)  
Kurt Urkoski (7)

**Free-Throw %**  
Daron Lindgreen (75.0)  
Bucky Herman (72.4)

**Total Points**  
Bucky Herman (382)  
Kent Helgoth (218)

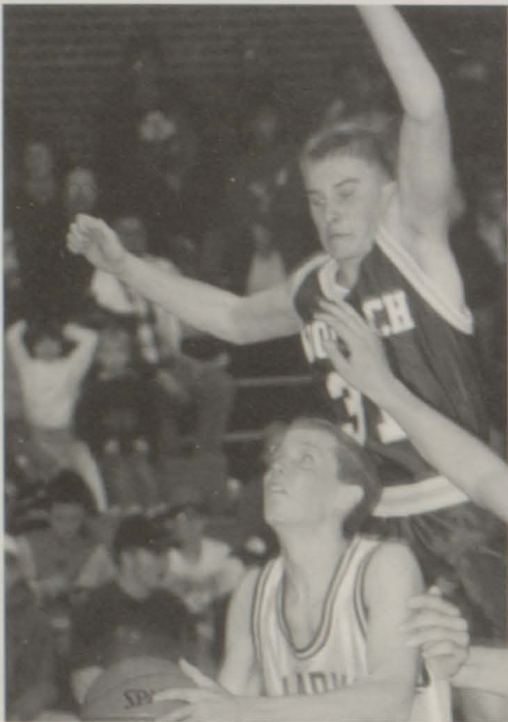
**Offensive Rebounds**  
Dominic Zoucha (43)  
Bucky Herman (40)

**Defensive Rebounds**  
Bucky Herman (69)  
Dominic Zoucha (61)

**Steals**  
Kent Helgoth (52)  
Duke Reztlaff (26)

**Turn Overs**  
Kent Helgoth (86)  
Bucky Herman (70)

**Fouls**  
Dominic Zoucha (62)  
Bucky Herman (60)



**Above Left:** Bucky H. gives his opponents a fake before he goes up for the shot.

**Above:** David C. gets mugged as he goes up for the shot.

**Above Right:** Mr. Pettigrew and members of the team enjoy some bench time.

**Left:** Kent H. gives his fake as he passes the ball off.

**Right:** Kurt U. tries to get his team pumped up after making a basket.



**Basketball  
Fever**







**Above:** 1996 Boys Basketball Team (Back row l-r): Head Coach Kevin Pettigrew, David Carlson, Bucky Herman, Dominic Zoucha, Kurt Urkoski, Mike Rieken, Student Manager Dyrek Zoucha, Asst. Coach Tim Koehn, (Front row) Student Manager Jimmy Beck, Daron Lindgreen, Jesse Kohl, Kent Helgoth, Duke Retzlaff, Loren Lindgreen, Curtis Rieken, Student Manager Dillon Retzlaff



**Above Left:** Dominic Zoucha shows us the correct way to shoot a basketball.



**Above Right:** Curtis Rieken pushes his way around in the middle trying to get position for the rebound.

**Below:** Daron Lindgreen tells Mr. Koehn that his toes are about ready to fall off from lack of blood.



1996 Clarks Bomber Varsity Basketball  
Team record: 5 wins - 15 losses

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L	Genoa	33-49
L	Greeley	52-63
L	Fullerton	41-61
L	Palmer	36-67
L	Polk-Horville	55-57
L	Benedict*	54-63
L	Fairmont*	61-69
W	Monroe	87-61
W	N.E. Christian	72-62
L	Wolbach	55-79
W	St. Edward**	60-48
L	Cedar Rapids** OT	54-66
L	Petersburg	54-67
L	Silver Creek	57-68
L	Cedar Rapids	35-81
L	Osceola	57-80
L	North-Loup Scotia	49-72
W	St. Edward	51-49
W	Monroe***	68-49
L	Elba***	65-71

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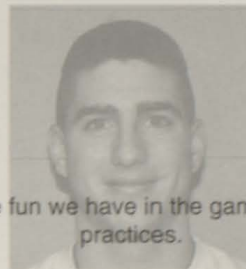
\* Benedict Holiday Tournament

\*\* Goldenrod Conference Tournament

\*\*\* Sub-Districts Tournament

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Most memorable time of the basketball season  
this past year?



All the fun we have in the games and  
practices.



My three banked three pointers that I had in  
Silver Creek!



Winning our first game of the year!



# Tracking a Great Season!!!!!!!!!!



**Top:** (l-r) Carrie Ziemba, Tabitha Van Pelt, Breanne Rosenthal, Audrey Ziemba, Krystal Boroviak, Abbey Schultz, **Middle:** (l-r) Coach Don Walford, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Joni Pollard, Torri Walford, Sherri Zoucha, Tamara Dittmer, Laurel Ziemba, Asst. Coach Melissa McQueen, **Bottom:** (l-r) Student Managers- Caley Swedenburg, Talli Walford, Sami Sweet, Heather Bittinger.



Carrie Z. taking a break while shooting a free throw.



Breanne R. is playing aggressive defense against her opponent.

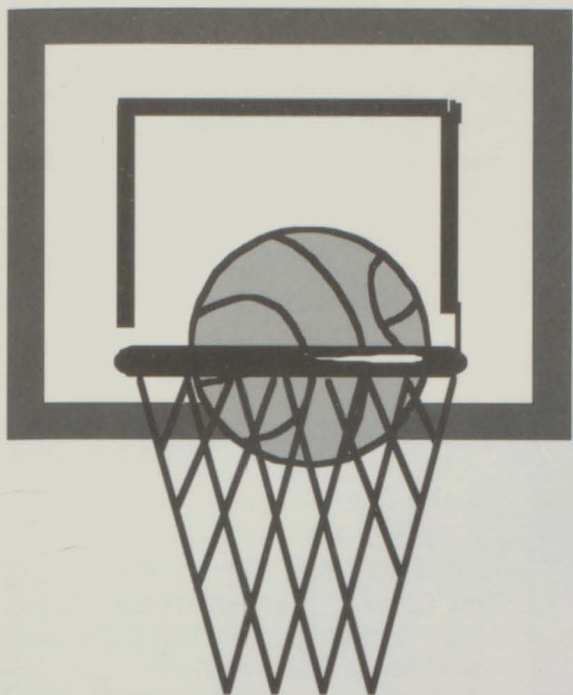


Sherri Z. taking it up for two in the game against NL-S.



Lynn B. & Audrey Z. are taking a break during practice.





Krystal B. shoots for two in girls varsity game.



The Bomber girls wait their turn during a home game.



Torri W. waits for a foul before taking the shot.

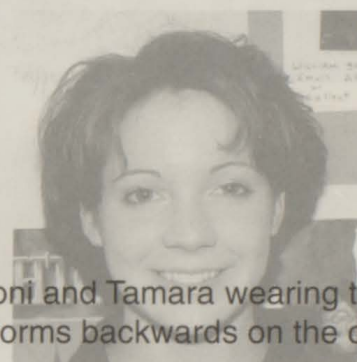


Abbey S. looks at the score clock to see if the game is over.

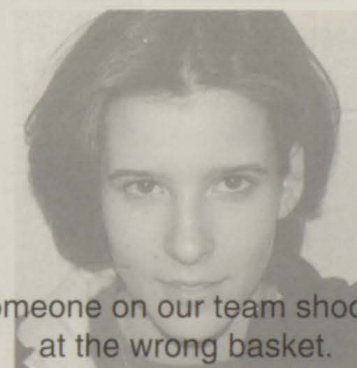
# 1996-97 Girls Basketball Team Record: 10 wins 11 losses

W	Palmer	51-45
L	Genoa	54-55
L	Greeley	46-70
W	Fullerton	54-51
L	Polk-Hordville	40-53
W	Benedict	57-34
L	Humphrey	27-32
W	Monroe	56-24
W	NE Christian	66-35
L	Wolbach	43-48
W	Cedar Rapids	57-33
L	St. Edwards	37-41
L	Palmer	26-39
L	St. Edwards	41-53
L	Petersburg	57-61
W	Silver Creek	63-57
L	Cedar Rapids	39-42
W	Osceola	61-59
W	NL-S	81-35
L	Elba	45-65

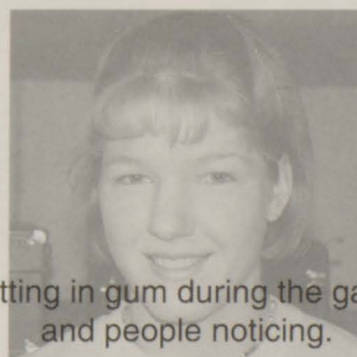
The funniest thing that happened during the basketball season was?



Joni and Tamara wearing their uniforms backwards on the court.



Someone on our team shooting at the wrong basket.



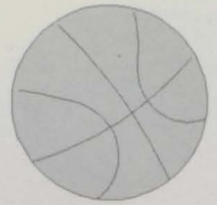
Sitting in gum during the game and people noticing.



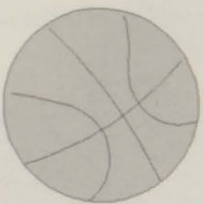
# STAYING ON TRACK JR. HIGH WINTER SPORTS



Clarks Jr. Hi. Boys Basketball. **Bottom:** (l-r) Daniel Ziemba, Curtis Swedenburg, Dillon Retzlaff, Jimmy Beck, Jason Dubas, T.J. Beck, John Hannappel, Drew Rasmussen. **Top:** (l-r) Mitchell Hoffer, Clint Church, Steven Wruble, Cody Schultz, Shane Van Pelt, Dyrek Zoucha, Justin Dittmer, Coach Pettigrew.



Clarks Jr. Hi. Girls Basketball. **Bottom:** (l-r) Jennifer Beck, Amber Fuehrer, Heather Bittinger, Talli Walford, Irene Peterson. **Top:** (l-r) Dawn Buller, Sami Sweet, Caley Swedenburg, Cathy Sweet, Paige Jacobi, Kandra Koenig, Alicia Tignor, Holly Traxler.



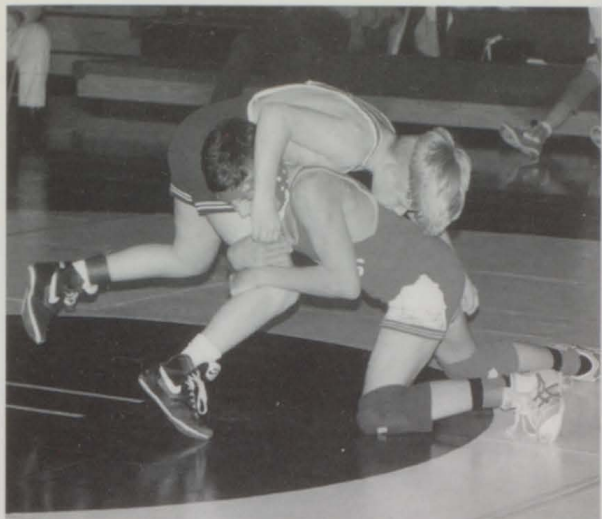
Clarks Jr. Hi. Wrestling **Bottom:** (l-r) Daniel Ziemba, T.J. Beck, Drew Rasmussen, John Hannappel. **Top:** (l-r) Mitchell Hoffer, Steven Wruble, Jason Dubas, Clint Church, Josh Dittmer.







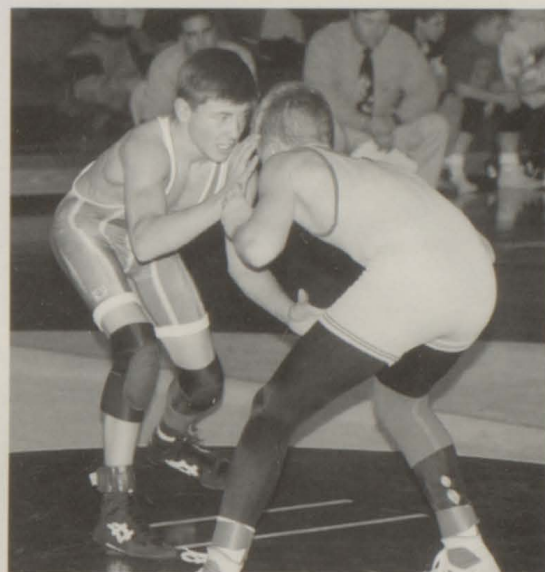
**Above:** Daniel Ziemba works hard to get his opponent on his back.



**Above:** Jason shows good shooting form with a N.C. player in his face.

**Above right:** Amber guards a Lady Eagle closely.

**Left:** Drew uses the top position to his advantage.



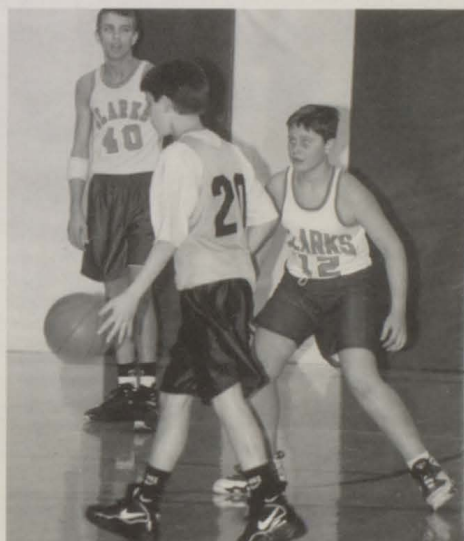
**Above:** Clint Church is on the verge of shooting for his opponents legs.



**Above left:** Cathy Sweet pulls down a rebound and starts dribbling down-court in a home contest.

**Above middle:** A Nebraska Christian player is well defended by John Hannappel, while Cody waits patiently.

**Right:** Caley takes a shot at the free-throw line in the first home contest for the Jr. High basketball teams.





# RACING TO THE LAST LAP!



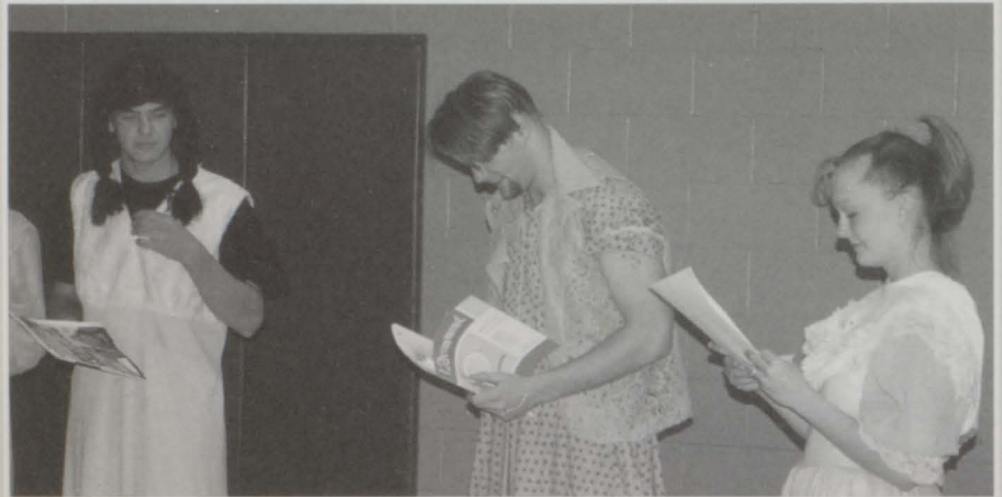
Above: T.J., Heather and Shane are enjoying a basketball game.



Above: Melissa and Martha are waving at the camera.



Above: David and Duke are showing their interest in the game.



Above: Jesse, David and Haley are performing a little play for their drama class.



Above: Mitch is trying to find out the plans for the weekend.



Above: Mountain Man Nick Tignor dressed up for one of his speeches in class.





Above: Kent playing a bull fighter for the multicultural presentations.



Above: Mitch, Shari, Bucky and Tabitha celebrating with Mrs. Cook. on awards night.



Above: Mary working hard to finish the race.



Above: Tim challenges the runner from Prague.



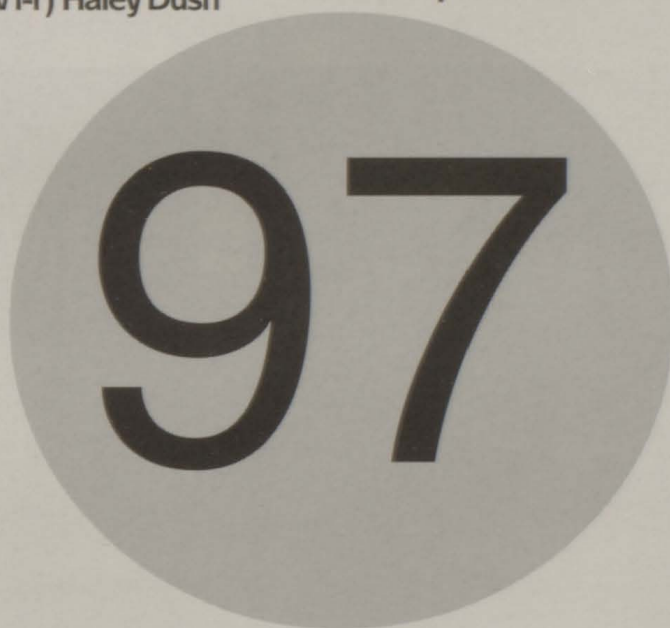
Above: The Independent Living class got their picture taken at Jack Bailey's during a field trip. (Back row l-r) Amy Fuehrer, Audrey Ziemba, LaDonna Staniec, Rochelle Carman (Front row l-r) Haley Dush and Casey Grause



Above: Travis Herman accepts an honor for DARE.



Above: Second Graders Chris, Heather and Megan ready for the multicuture presentation.







## BAND & CHORUS



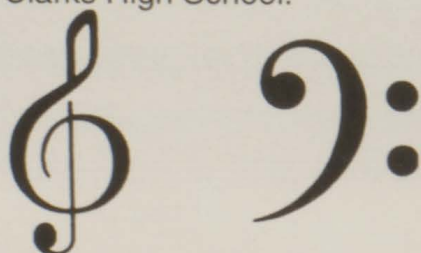
**Back row** (l-r); Mrs. Cook, Ashley Woods, LaDonna Staniec, Martha Hoffer **Front row** (l-r): Staci Anderson, Haley Dush, Tabitha Van Pelt



Mrs. Cook is the band and choir director for the music program at Clarks High School.



**1st row** (f-b): Tabitha Van Pelt, Cathy Sweet, Mitchell Manstedt, Caley Swedenburg, Talli Walford, Justin Kohl, Todd Church **2nd row** (f-b): Audrey Ziemba, Kandra Koenig, Daron Lindgreen, Tamara Dittmer, Amber Fuehrer, Haley Dush, Michael Rieken, **3rd row** (f-b): Denise Yrkoski, Nick Tignor, Sami Sweet, Mitchell Hoffer, Laurel Ziemba, Heather Bittinger, Loren Lindgreen, **4th row** (f-b): Dominic Zoucha, Curtis Swedenburg, Carrie Ziemba, Abbey Schultz, Alicia Tignor, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Dyrek Zoucha, **5th row** (f-b): Shari Sweet, Krystal Boroviak, Sherri Zoucha, Mary Boroviak, Martha Hoffer, Dillon Retzlaff







The Clarks' band is marching in the Harvest of Harmony Parade.



April and Paige were the banner carriers for the Clarks' band.



Staci Anderson and Haley Dush are practicing for District Conference.



Martha Hoffer and Ashley Woods are also practicing for District Conference.



Tabitha Van Pelt and Audrey Ziemba are ready and willing to have their picture taken during band class.



Sami, Kandra, Tamara, and Caley are waiting to play their part in the song they are practicing for music contest.



Sherri, Laurel, Dillon, Mitch, and Todd were not ready for their picture to be taken while they were playing.



Todd Church and Michael Rieken are playing their duet for the Spring Concert.



# Student Council

# C-Club Pizza Sales Sizzle Once Again!

This year's C-Club members sold over 300 Godfather's pizzas to earn enough money for Nebraska Football game tickets, equipment and uniforms. We had a month to sell the pizzas and then on a Sunday in November we made them in Columbus. After working hard making the pizzas, we had all the free pop and pizza we wanted. The C-Club students went to the the Nebraska/Missouri game this year. It was a bit chilly but we all survived through the sweet victory.



**Front Row (l-r):** C-Club Coach Pettigrew, Krystal Boroviak, Bucky Herman, Audrey Ziemba, David Tibke, Breanne Rosenthal, Carrie Ziemba, Haley Dush, and Tabitha Van Pelt. **Second Row (l-r):** Coach Vrkba, Duke Retzlaff, Trent Engel, Kent Helgoth, Willie Douglas, Alan Rieken, Brendan Dittmer, Curtis Rieken and Laurel Ziemba. **Third Row (l-r):** Daron Lindgreen, Dominic Zoucha, Loren Lindgreen, Mitch Manstedt, Tim Yrkoski, Jeremy Dubas, Kirk Helgoth, Tyler Herman, and Kurt Yrkoski. **Fourth Row (l-r):** Coach Walford, Coach Koenh, Justin Kohl, Tim Lesiak, Joni Pollard, Torri Walford, Brian Buller, Joe Ziemba, David Carlson, and Tamara Dittmer

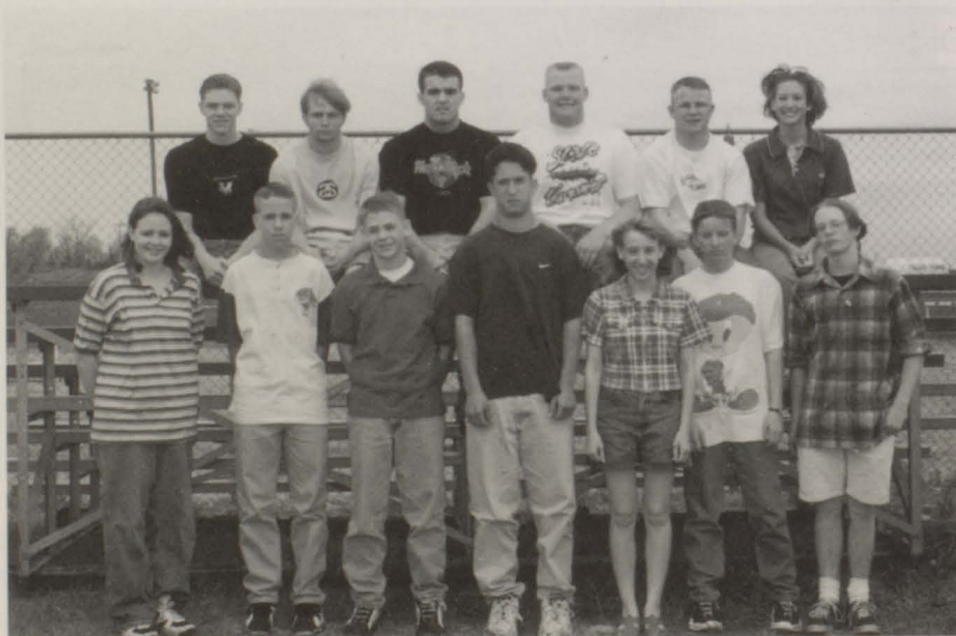


Two kindergarteners love Santa.



Trent prepares for the special treat of donuts and juice the last day for seniors.

52 Student Council...Trent



**Front Row (l-r):** Student Council Martha Hoffer, Dyrek Zoucha, Mitch Hoffer, Ross Richards, Amber Fuehrer, Mary Boroviak, and Nick Tignor. **Back Row (l-r):** Brendan Dittmer, Duke Retzlaff, Willie Douglas, Mitch Manstedt, Trent Engel and Torri Walford



# JR. HIGH GIRLS & BOYS TRACK

## *All the fun rolled up into one!*



**Above: Girls Track Team:** (Back row l-r) Coach Pettigrew, Alicia Tignor, Sami Sweet, Caley Swedenburg, Cathy Sweet, Kandra Koenig, Paige Jacobi, Jennifer Beck (Front row l-r) Talli Walford, Heather Bittinger, Carolann Doss, Dawn Buller, Holly Traxler, Amber Fuehrer, Irene Peterson



**Above: Boys Track Team:** (Back row l-r) Coach Pettigrew, Dyrek Zoucha, Steven Wruble, Shane Van Pelt, Cody Schultz, Clint Church, Mitch Hoffer, Jimmy Beck (Front row l-r) Dillion Retzlaff, Curtis Swedenburg, Drew Rasmussen, Jason Dubas, Daniel Ziemba, John Hannappel, T.J. Beck



Dyrek takes another try.



**Above:** Irene P. starts to jump her final hurdle in her heat at the N.C. Invitational.



**Above:** Uuuuggggghhhh! That is the sound that came out of Mitch Hoffer's mouth when he unleashed this toss.



**Above:** Carolann Doss uses her time wisely as she is getting her steps down in a useful run through attempt.



**Above:** "Good leap Jimbo!" Coach Pettigrew says to Jimmy Beck after his triple jump attempt.



**Above:** Alicia Tignor bares the cold and gets off a sensational jump in girls long jump competition at the Nebraska Christian Invite.



# Following Winners!



Jimmy receiving a perfect attendance award.



Citizenship award goes to Amy Fuehrer and Willie Douglas.



Mrs. Wiese presents the reading award to Clint Church.



Mr. Walford is reading all the honors Sherri Zoucha received during basketball season.



Miss McQueen proudly presents the science award to Bucky Herman.



Melissa Traxler has a speciality with language, like Spanish. Miss Nabity congratulates Melissa during the awards night.



Mrs. Beck's computer gang Bucky Herman, Mae Lynn Bittinger and Carrie Ziemba were recognized for their participation at the Fremont and Kearney Technology Fairs.





Duke looks on while Mr. Walford congratulates Allen Rieken for track.



Tyler Herman is given a wrestling award by Mr. Manstedt.



Brendan Dittmer and David Carlson won the best actor award for drama.



Justin Kohl waits patiently for his football award.



Mr. Vrbka recognizes Brian Buller for Close-Up.



Miss Knaub hands Abbey Schultz a C letter for Volleyball.



Bernie Prososki thanks Mrs. Glasser for the scholarship he won.



Nick Tignor receives a drama award from Mrs. V.

## Award Winners

**SCIENCE:** Steven Wruble & Bucky Herman **Aiding Award:** Tamara Dittmer  
**MATH:** Dillion Retzlaff and Sami Sweet  
 Staci Anderson and Dominic Zoucha  
 Daron Lindgreen and Breanne Rosenthal, Brian Buller, Laurel Ziemba & Bucky Herman **Language Arts:** AR  
 Heather Bittinger, Sami Sweet, Talli Walford, Ryan Veburg, Steven Wruble, Alicia Tignor, Caley Swedenburg  
**Reading Award:** Sami Sweet and Clint Church **P.E.:** Steven Wruble, Cathy Sweet & Brendan Dittmer **ART:** Brendan Dittmer **DRAMA: Best Actor:** Brendan Dittmer & David Carlson **Best Actress:** Rochelle Carman & Audrey Ziemba **Best All Around Drama:** Rochelle Carman  
**Best Supporting Actor:** Bernie Prososki  
**Most Promising Newcomer:** Martha Hoffer and Nick Tignor **GIRLS BASKETBALL: Most Improved:** Krystal Boroviak  
**Bomber Award:** Carrie Ziemba  
**Defensive Player:** Torri Walford **Most Valuable:** Sherri Zoucha **WRESTLING: Most Improved:** Brian Buller **Outstanding Wrestlers:** Trent Engel and Willie Douglas  
**COMPUTER:** Bucky Herman **Tech Fair Award:** Carrie Ziemba, Bucky Herman, Mae Lynn Bittinger **MUSIC:** Semper Fidelius Award: Rochelle Carman John Philip Sousa: Sherri Zoucha **CLOSE-UP:** Willie Douglas, Sherri Zoucha, Audrey Ziemba, Curtis Rieken, Torri Walford, Joni Pollard, Brian Buller, Rochelle Carman, Casey Grause, LaDonna Staniec **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Jimmy Beck **FCCLA:** Amy Fuehrer **YEARBOOK:** Curtis Rieken, Willie Douglas, Rochelle Carman, Amy Fuehrer, Trent Engel, Brendan Dittmer  
**SPANISH:** Melissa Traxler and Martha Hoffer **GIRLS TRACK: Most Improved:** Krystal Boroviak **Bomber Award:** Carrie Ziemba **Most Valuable:** Torri Walford  
**BOYS TRACK: Most Improved:** Jeremey Dubas **Bomber Award:** Mitch Manstedt **Most Valuable:** Duke Retzlaff  
**VALEDICTORIAN:** Rochelle Carman  
**SALUTATORIAN:** Willie Douglas  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Amy Fuehrer & Willie Douglas **VOLLEYBALL: Most Improved:** Krystal Boroviak **Defensive Player:** Torri Walford **Bomber Award:** Carrie Ziemba **Most Valuable:** Sherri Zoucha **Student Managers:** Talli Walford, Heather Bittinger, Sami Sweet and Caley Swedenburg **English: Speech-**Breanne Rosenthal **Writing-**David Carlson **English-**Brendan Dittmer  
**Cheerleading Award:** Martha Hoffer  
**Top 5 Honor Award:** Willie Douglas, Sherri Zoucha, Rochelle Carman, David Carlson & Haley Dush **Academic All Conference:** Rochelle Carman **All Letter winners** were recognized and several special scholarships presented. Congratulations to all and anyone we may have overlooked.



# TRACKING



Torri Walford state qualifier in the 300 meter hurdles.



"Flying high" over the hurdles, Dominic Zoucha leads the way in his heat of the hurdles.



Carrie Ziemba gets ready for her race, as Breanne R. enjoys the "nice" weather for the Clarks Invitational.



Michael R. gets a jump on the rest of the field at the beginning of the 400.



Duke keeps his momentum for his race.



**1997 Girls Track Team: Front row (l-r)** Coach Andy Vrbka, St. Mgr. Talli Walford, Mary Boroviak, Breanne Rosenthal, Krystal Boroviak, Tabitha Van Pelt, St. Mgr. Jimmy Beck **Back row (l-r)** Coach Kevin Pettigrew, Torri Walford, Joni Pollard, Laurel Ziemba, Tamara Dittmer, Carrie Ziemba, Coach Don Walford







**1997 Boys Track Team: Front row (l-r)** Coach Andy Vrbka, St. Mgr. Talli Walford, Tim Yrskoski, Alan Rieken, Duke Retzlaff, St. Mgr. Jimmy Beck **Back row (l-r)** Coach Kevin Pettigrew, Jeremy Dubas, Mitch Manstedt, Dominic Zoucha, Michael Rieken, Coach Don Walford.



**Left:** Laurel Z. soars through the air in the girls long jump.

**Middle left:** Allen R. runs hard in the 200 prelims.

**Middle:** Tabitha V. shows her ability to throw well in shotput competition.

**Bottom left:** Torri W. gets good height, which helped her to a second place finish at conference.

**Bottom middle:** Tamara D. follows the discus with her eyes and knows she has a good throw.



**Above:** Mitch M. lets everyone know he has achieved a good throw in shot put competition.

**Below:** Jeremy Dubas demonstrates the correct way to obtain long jumping greatness:

(Step 1) Good height.

(Step 2) Soft landing.

(Step 3) Lean forward.

\* for extra information read Jeremy's book "Long Jumper am I"







**Above:** Kent Helgoth demonstrates a new dance.

# Prom '97

## "Midnight Magic"



**Above:** Servers: (Back row l-r) Justin Kohl, Alan Rieken, Kirk Helgoth, Tim Lesiak, Daron Lindgreen, (Front row l-r) Tabitha Van Pelt, Mae Lynn Bittinger, Krystal Boroviak, Tamara Dittmer, Carrie Ziemba



**Junior Class:** (Back row l-r) Duke Retzlaff, Joni Pol-lard, Brian Buller, Laurel Ziemba, Bucky Herman (Front row l-r) Casey Grause, LaDonna Staniec, Torri Walford, Audrey Ziemba

58 Prom...Rochelle

Midnight Magic, this year's prom theme, was a daz-zling success. The gym was decorated in midnight blue, black, and gold with a fountain, and a gazebo. Everyone danced the night away. At one point the D.J. started a Chubby Buddy contest. The point of this contest was to see how many giant marshmal-lows each person could stuff in their mouth. Mitch Manstedt became our champion with thirty-seven marshmallows. Post prom was decorated in a 50's style, the theme was American Grand Stand. Sev-eral people had fun posing on a motorcycle in au-thentic 50's clothing, a poodle skirt and a biker jacket. Everyone had a blast.



**Senior Class:** (Back row l-r) Curtis Rieken, David Tibke, Willie Douglas, Brendan Dittmer, Bernie Proso-ski, Joe Ziemba, Kent Helgoth (Front row l-r) Trent Engel, Amy Fuehrer, Sherri Zoucha, Haley Dush, Rochelle Carman, David Carlson





**Above:** Bucky gives the welcome.



**Above:** The guys are relaxing and planning for a good time (l-r) Willie Douglas, Trent Engel, Kent Helgoth, David Carlson and Duke Retzlaff.



**Above:** Several people are having a great time dancing.



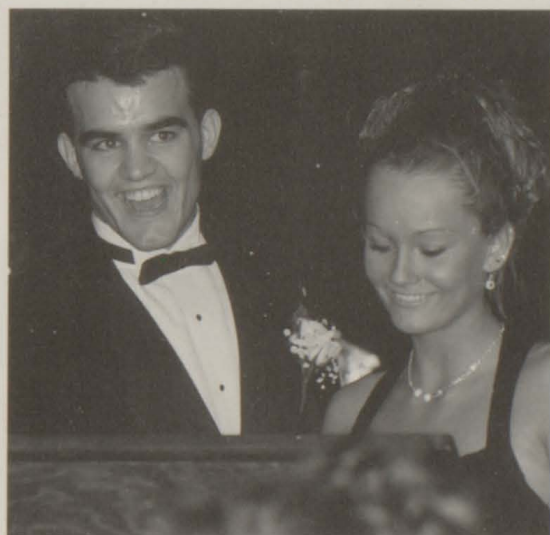
**Above:** Willie Douglas and his date take time out for a quick pose.



**Above:** Tim Lesiak loves the cake and Daron Lindgreen just wants this over with.



**Above:** Joni Pollard and Torri Walford doing some predicting.



**Above:** Willie Douglas and Haley Dush read the senior wills.



# Quiz Bowl Teams



**Above:** Jr. High Team is working out the last minute details with Mr. Vrbka. (l-r) Amber Fuehrer, Talli Walford, Caley Swedenburg, Dillion Retzlaff, Shane Van Pelt, Steven Wruble and Mr. Vrbka.



**Above:** Sherri Zoucha, Rochelle Carman, Bucky Herman, Brian Buller ready to ring the bell.



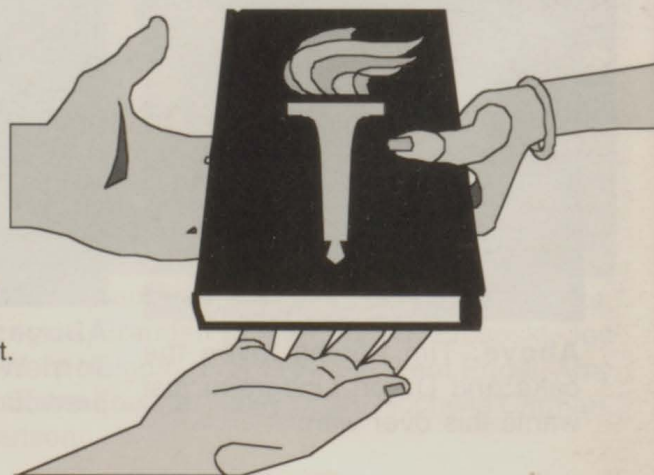
**Above:** Junior High Quiz Bowl Team: (l-r) Talli Walford, Amber Fuehrer, Alicia Tignor, Caley Swedenburg, Shane Van Pelt, Steven Wruble are concentrating on the correct answers for the quiz bowl contest at Clarks.



**Above:** High Quiz Bowl Team: (l-r): Todd Church, Nick Tignor, Sherri Zoucha, Rochelle Carman, Bucky Herman, Brian Buller are relaxing before the contest beginning.



**Left:** Todd Church, Nick Tignor, Sherri Zoucha and Rochelle Carman are waiting to see if their answer is correct.





# Keeping Track of Graduates



**Above:** (Back row l-r) Joseph Wetzel, Jacob Kennedy, Tanner Kuhn, Preston Detter, Adam Danklesen, Corby Grause, Mrs. Brazda (Front row l-r) Britny Kava, Meagan Sundberg, Cheyanne Schultz, Haley Strobel.



**Above:** (l-r) Cole Swedenburg, Melissa Anderson, Dustin Janulewicz, Shari Boroviak, Travis Herman, Dage Detter, Derek Beck, Cara Fritz, Amanda Kohl



Proud fathers handout diplomas to their sons. **Above left:** Kurt Kuhn hands the kindergarten diploma to Tanner. **Above right:** Kraig Swedenburg congratulations son Cole for advancing to seventh grade.



Travis Herman and Cara Fritz marching down to the stage.



Kindergarten class ready and excited to perform.



Meagan twirls around in the graduation play.



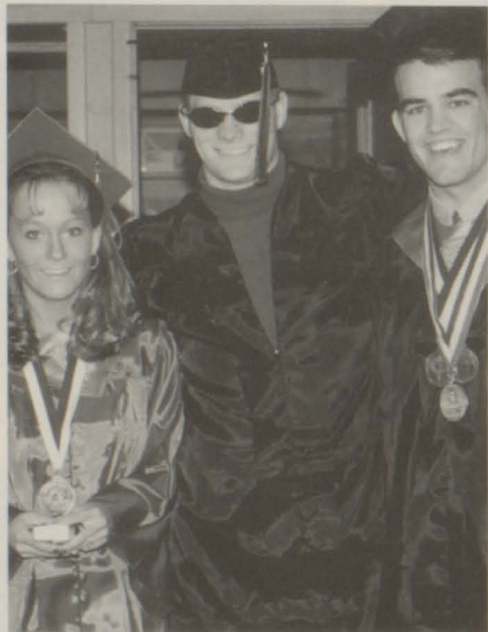
Corbey and Britny acting with their pet elephant Preston.



# Final Tracks!!!!!!



**ABOVE: CLASS OF 1997:** (Back row l-r): David Tibke, Michael Urkoski, Bernie Prososki, Curtis Rieken, Joe Ziemba and Brendan Dittmer. (Front row l-r): Kent Helgoth, David Carlson, Amy Fuehrer, Rochelle Carman, Haley Dush, Sherri Zoucha, Trent Engel and Willie Douglas.



**Above:** Haley Dush, David Tibke, and Willie Douglas pose one more time.



**Above:** Joe Ziemba, Brendan Dittmer and Bernie checking the final details of graduation.



**Above:** Joni Pollard, Brian Buller, Bucky Herman and Torri Walford are prepared to hand out programs.



Amy dreaming about the future.  
62 Graduation...Willie



Sherri Zoucha is enjoying her last minute laughs with the guys. (l-r) Trent Engel, David Carlson, Kent Helgoth, Sherri Zoucha, Brendan Dittmer, Curtis Rieken and Bernie Prososki.

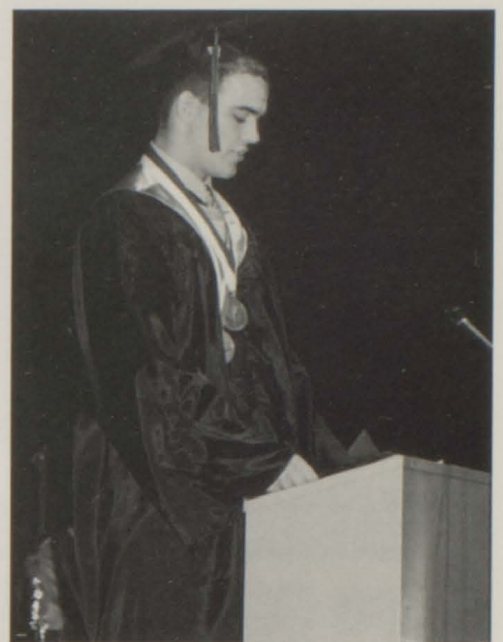




**Above:** (l-r) Ushers Laurel Ziemba, Duke Retzlaff and Sponsor Mrs. Beck wait for the ceremony to begin.



**Above:** Rochelle accepting the award for valedictorian from Mr. Gilson.



**Above:** Salutatorian Willie Douglas giving his speech.



**Above:** David Carlson walks to the stage while the crowd looks on.



**Above:** Mr. Fritz Engel awards Haley Dush and Willie Douglas the Pat Engel Scholarship.



**Above:** Rick Engel shares the moment with Trent.



**Above:** Duet Mr. B. and Mrs. V. singing "Turn Around" during the senior slide show.



**Above:** Kent enjoys every minute with his sisters Kassie and Kim.



**Above:** Final Goodbys.



**Above:** David Tibke checks out his diploma while Michael looks on.



**Left:** The Class of 97 is posing for the last time.





David Robert Carlson

David, sometimes life is like a missed basket in a game, but one learns by all the missed baskets, as well as all the slam dunks. We are all very proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Kim & Amy



Rochelle Lynn Carman

Rochelle,  
We are really proud of all you have accomplished. Remember we will always be there for both the good and bad times. Love Mom, Dad & Scott



Brendan Lee Dittmer

Brendan,  
Thanks for being a great son, big brother and role model. We're very proud of you and all you have accomplished in preparing yourself for a bright future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Tamara and Carlee



William Joseph Douglas

Willie,  
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We are proud of you.

Mom & Dad



Haley Ann Dush

Haley,  
We're proud of you! We know you will always accept life's challenges and win!

Mom, Dad  
And The Gang



Trent Joshua Engel

Trent,  
Good Luck in the Future. Congratulations!!

Your Dad



Amy Sue Fuehrer

Amy,  
Continue to be the kind and caring person you are, work hard, believe in yourself and all of your dreams will come true.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad & Amber



Kent William Helgoth

Kent,  
Good luck to a special son. We are very proud of you. Remember to always keep God first in your life and you will be happy and at peace with your decisions. Love you always, Dad and Mom





Bernie,  
Good luck in college  
and hope you succeed  
in whatever you do.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Bernie Joseph Prososki



Curtis,  
We are very proud of  
you and we love you.  
Congratulations and  
good luck with your  
future.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Curtis Walter Rieken



David,  
  
Congratulations!!!  
Best of Luck  
  
Mom

David Michael Tibke



"Michael-Michael!"  
  
Keep Drumming.  
  
Love,  
  
Mom and Dad

Michael Andrew Urkoski



Joe,  
Good Luck in the  
future in whatever  
you do.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Joseph Leo Ziemba



Sherri,  
Congratulations!!  
We are proud of your  
very many accom-  
plishments. Good  
luck in the future.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Sherri Lou Zoucha

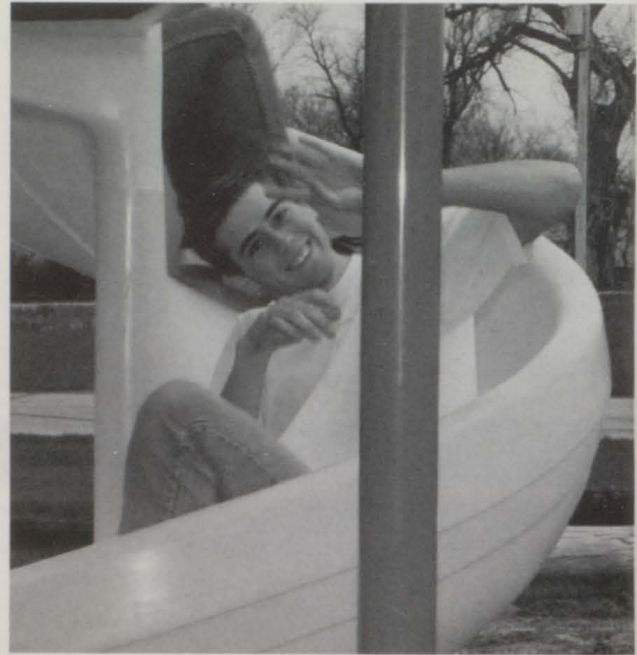
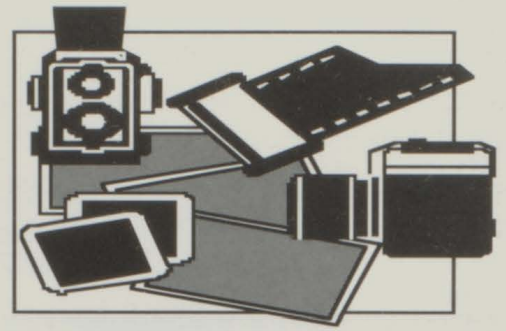
We will be tracking your  
future! Best of Luck to  
the Class of 1997!!!!!!!!!!!!



# Tracking the Action



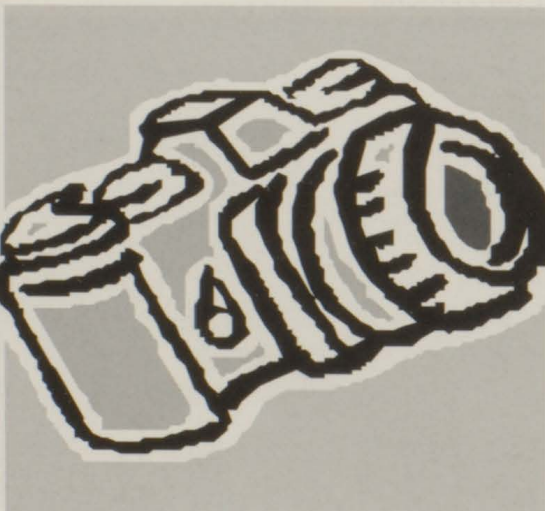
**Yearbook Staff:** Trent Engel, Willie Douglas, Rochelle Carman, Amy Fuehrer, Curtis Rieken, Brendan Dittmer love a challenge.



**Above:** Curtis was having a little fun playing on the new slide at school when we were suppose to be taking picture.



**Above:** The yearbook staff is trying to track down new ideas.



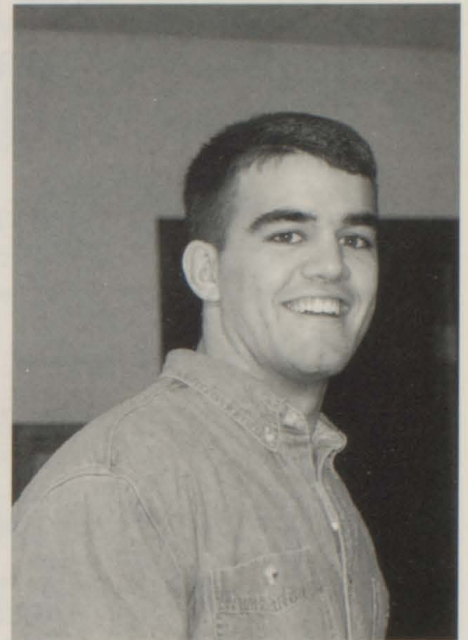
The yearbook staff was trying to find a place to take a group picture of themselves.



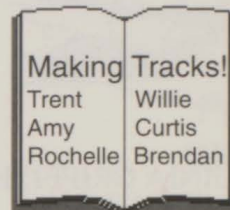


Amy Fuehrer, Rochelle Carman, Willie Douglas, Curtis Rieken, Brendan Dittmer, Trent Engel, and our Advisor Miss Goodman took on the task creating a photo book of memories. We attended workshops, worked with Greg our Walsworth Representative and explored new software like Pagemaker, Clarisworks and Clip Art CD's just to name a few. We hope we have captured the special events, people and times for you to enjoy in the years to come. We want all of you to keep making tracks and make sure they are big and deep.

As a sponsor, I want to thank the Yearbook Staff, for being industrious, enthusiastic, and just a joy to be around. Great Job Yearbook Staff!



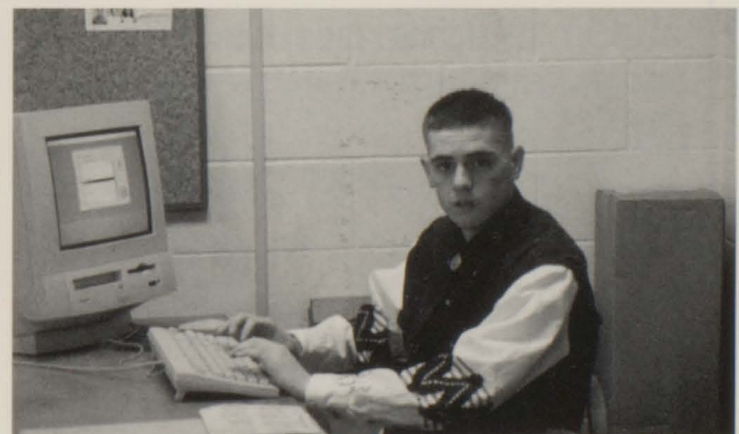
**Above:** Willie poses for fun in the yearbook room.



Trent Engel - Layout  
Curtis Rieken - Photographer  
Amy Fuehrer - Layout Editor  
Rochelle Carman - Proofreader Editor  
Brendan Dittmer - Photographer Editor  
Willie Douglas - Editor



**Above:** Trent and Brendan selecting the right photo.



**Above:** Curtis Rieken is busy working on copy.



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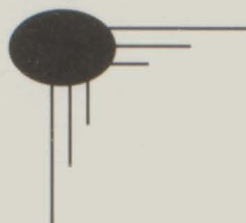
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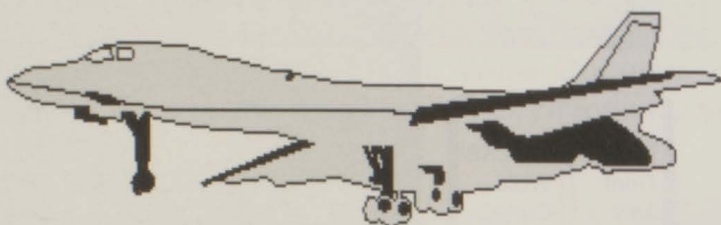
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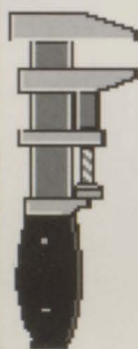
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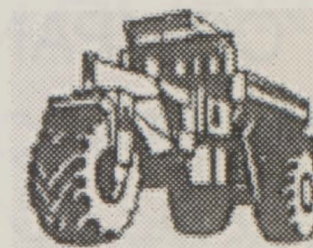
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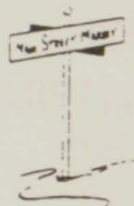
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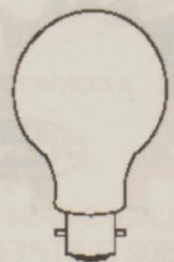
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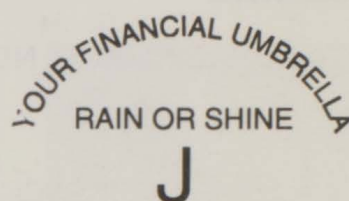
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